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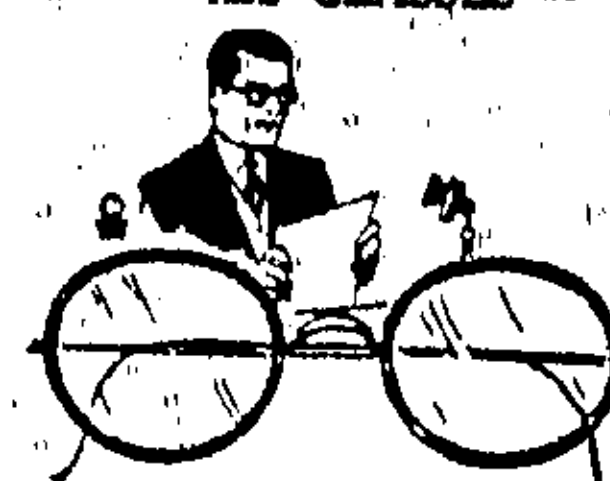
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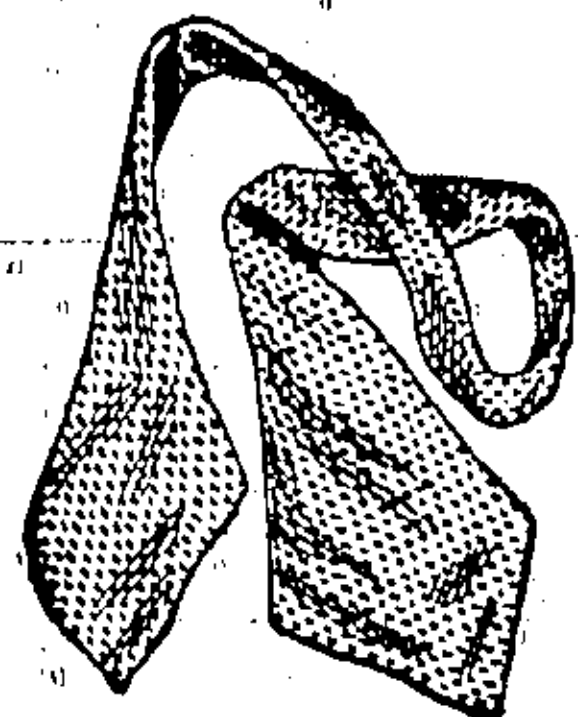
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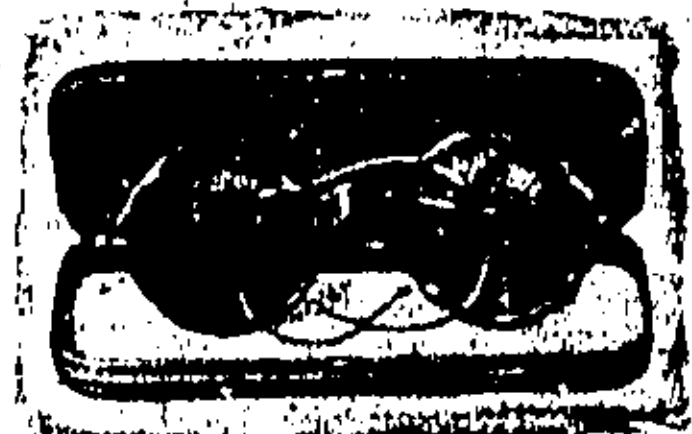
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"TIPS" FOR FUTURE.

Expert's Views On Possibilities of Music.

[By Leung Kam-tong]

Having been asked by the "China Mail" to give my views on the possibilities of broadcasting Chinese music, I must begin by emphasising that I know practically nothing about radio, beyond what I saw and heard at Wednesday's test concert in which I was privileged to take a small part.

First of all I say emphatically that I think it of very little use to install apparatus in a theatre. The sounds, or music, or whatever one pleases to call it, emanating from a Chinese stage, are not in the least amenable to broadcasting for entertainment, simply because of drama (or opera) is fundamentally different from that of the Occident.

Here I should add that I am confining myself to the Cantonese theatre and music.

Four Instruments Enough. For broadcasting, whether as accompaniment to songs, or as selections, four instruments are ample. They should not be played at high pressure as is necessary on the stage because our theatrical acoustics are so poor and the audience so noisy.

For the singer's main guidance and support I would use the Woo Kum (a two-stringed fiddle of a mellow tone) instead of the Yee Yin (also a two string fiddle, but with thicker strings and therefore more penetrating), which occupies the place of "leader" both in a theatrical band and in an orchestra.

But nearer to the microphone, I suggest putting a dulcimer. A dulcimer is on the basis of a harp laid flat—brass strings fastened on brass regulators which stand on a wooden sound-box, played by striking the strings with two thin strips of bamboo peel. Under ordinary auditory circumstances, the dulcimer is the sole accompaniment, it is played by the singer (soloist). Having brass strings which are very "soft" the dulcimer ought to be entirely free from blurs in reception, as the vibrations are so mild.

A "Second Violin."

Also closer to the microphone (i.e. between the dulcimer and the Woo Kum) I think there should be a Yee Woo, this also being a two string instrument, but even softer than the Woo Kum by virtue of its smaller drum at the base. The Yee Woo would be to the Woo Kum as the second violin to a first violin. The sounds of both fiddles are not unlike those of the violin.

At some distance from the microphone—because it is the loudest instrument—I think there ought to be a Hau Kwoon, this being a miniature clarinet minus the keys. It is best understood as a bamboo flute with reed mouthpiece, but only a few inches long. The general softness and smoothness of its tones would help and it is always pleasant to the Chinese ear.

"Talking" Voice the Best.

The singer should be only a few inches from the microphone, singing almost directly into it, but with this one qualification. When we sing on the stage, or at concerts, we usually try to do our "loudest" for reasons given above. All singing for radio should be "generously modulated; in fact I would lay down that the normal "speaking" voice be used as I think it will be best heard on a receiving set, with or without loud speaker. The greatest difficulty in Cantonese singing is enunciation, or clarity of "words" as distinct from

(Continued on Page 12.)

CANTON'S TROUBLES.

The Canton Government is reported to have settled the postal strike by offering a subsidy to the workers, who are expected to return to work on Monday.

Further open fights in the city, between rival labour factions, are reported.

A DESERTER.

AMERICAN SOLDIER FROM PHILIPPINES.

LANDED DESTITUTE.

Rufus Horak, aged 24, an American who on his own admission had deserted from the Philippine army, was charged before Major Wilson this morning on two counts.

The first count concerned the non-possession of a passport and the second his being without visible means of subsistence.

Sub-inspector Fallon applied for the withdrawal of the first charge as he had instructions from the D.C.I. Mr. King, to ask for an order for the defendant's expulsion from the Colony. The defendant had given himself up to the Police after being in the Colony for some six days.

In reply to Major Wilson, Inspector Fallon said that it was usual under the circumstances to apply only for an order for detention.

In reply to another question Inspector Fallon said that if such an order were made, the defendant would have liberty of action at certain hours. The principal object of the Police in regard to the accused was that they might have him continually under observation with a view to getting him deported when the opportunity arose. The Police were awaiting certain confirmation from Manila in the matter of photographs and papers of identification.

It was therefore decided to proceed on the charge of non-possession of passport on which defendant was convicted and sentenced to two months' hard labour.

CANTON'S WAR.

MILITARY REPORT FROM NORTH

A military report from the Hunan front to Canton reads:—At Yochow, 30,000 of the enemy (Wu Pei-fu's troops) are assembled but there is no central command.

Sung Hok-kang has returned to Hunan and is reorganising the defeated forces of Ho Yao-chao (this leader being hostile to Canton, and having been previously defeated).

Various other military movements are reported such as the arrival of big numbers at Changsha (some days before the reported evacuation) with the requisite headquarters of brigades, divisions, etc.

Russian Arms for Canton?

Further news of the extensive war movements in southern China, extending up to the Yangtze valley, is that Russia is sending more help to Canton, and that other warlords are preparing to move.

General Chang Kai-Shek is reported to have ordered his 2nd and 3rd armies to advance; his objective being stated to be the entry of Fukien province by two routes.

A cable to the "Wah Tsz Yat Po" says that another shipment of Russian arms and munitions is expected shortly at Canton.

A pro-Wu general is believed to have arrived at Amoy to co-operate with the Fukien tuchun and the Chinese naval vessels there in an offensive (against Kwangtung?).

Sinews of War.

The Fukien defence commissioner on the Kwangtung frontier is reported to have sent his artillery to Pingho.

Sun Chuan-fang has ordered the following movements of munitions: light artillery, mountain artillery, rifles and ammunition from the Shanghai arsenal which is to work at night. Three car-loads (400,000 rounds) of ammunition from Lungwa arsenal.—Kung Sheng Yat Po.

Peking is rumoured to have ordered an inquiry into the movements of M. Borodin, in Hunan province, where he accompanied General Chang Kai-shek.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, no demand, to-day was 2/2 1/16.

ARMS FOR CANTON?

SEIZURE ON BOARD THE FATSHAN.

SHIP'S PAINTER CHARGED.

Charged with unlawful possession of arms, the ship's painter on board the "Fatshan" the ship's painter was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy and formally remanded until Tuesday on the application of Detective Sub-Inspector Moss.

The seizure was made on the outward voyage of the "Fatshan" from Hongkong on Thursday, discovery of a portion of the arms being made when the boat was between Capsuimun and Castle Peak.

It had apparently been arranged that in the vicinity of Taishek Barrier a sampan was to await the arrival of the boat when the ingenious contrivances in which the arms were placed for floating purposes were to be lowered overboard and later picked up by the sampan which was to have a man's hat hoisted on a bamboo pole for purposes of identification. This sampan was in fact, passed by the "Fatshan" after the discovery had been made, also on the downward voyage, apparently still hopeful of the arms being lowered.

The first discovery of arms in the lamptrimmer's room led to a thorough search of the vessel and another consignment was discovered in a fish tub. As a result of information elicited in the course of enquiries the ship's painter was placed under arrest.

The seizure consisted of 20 Mauser Pistols, 12 Smith and Wesson revolvers and 3,200 rounds of ammunition.

ILLEGAL TRAFFIC.

ARE TRAMP CARS A REAL NECESSITY?

CORRESPONDENT'S VIEW.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir, — Your correspondent "Safety" evidently has a grudge against the tramp cars, plying for hire in Hongkong. I will ask him the following questions, by your kind permission.

How does he know the C.S.P. has not taken steps to check the practice?

"Because 'Safety' has been pestered by touts who quote prices, why does he not prosecute them for annoyance? And what about chair coolies, ricksha coolies, flower hawkers etc. who often shout at one?

Re drivers absconding: Do not drivers of cars other than tramps 'decamp' as well after a serious accident?

Re allegation of unlicensed drivers: This is a matter for the Police, no matter if the car is private, literary or tramp.

Do only "ignorant" people patronise the tramp cars?

I find the tramps of much use on every occasion. From what I have seen, some of them seem to have taken out "public vehicle" licences. Accordingly, I presume that they pay the usual literary rates. Is any harm done then?

The greater the competition, the lower the prices for the public. Since the tramps have "stands," regular or irregular, I suppose that they are permitted, or at least "known."

From the tone in which "Safety" writes I can only presume that he is a snob with his fleet of private cars. I have seen even real taipans ride in tramps, when necessity arose, so what has your correspondent to say now?

Live and let live is my motto. Thanking you for inserting this reply on behalf of "ignorant" drivers who are unable to answer for themselves,

Yours, etc.,

CHAN.

Hongkong, August 6.

Memorials of Re-entry by the Crown on Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1627 and 2003 have been registered according to law.

The Police Commissioner in Canton is reported to have ordered vigilant supervision over suspected activities in some of the Japanese boarding houses in different parts of Canton city.

CASTLE PEAK.

TEMPORARILY OPEN BY TUESDAY?

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED.

The work of clearing the one road yet remaining closed to the public since the recent heavy rain—that to Castle Peak—has been proceeding throughout the week and favourable progress has been made.

The work involved is so considerable, however, that it has not been found possible to open the road even temporarily for weekend travellers although the route via Taiipo and Fanling is still available.

A gap of some fifty to sixty feet in the embankment leading to one of the bridges is having to be made good and this is the work which has led to the greatest difficulty experienced. It is anticipated that this work will be completed within four days' time.

There remains only about two days' work on other temporary clearances so it may be predicted with some certainty that given favourable conditions in the meantime, Castle Peak Road will be open to traffic by Tuesday.

PICKETS SNUBBED.

ALLEGED INTERVENTION OF SOLDIERS.

HONGKONG PASSENGERS.

An "incident" in which a detachment alleged to be soldiers took high-handed action and supposedly snubbed the Strike Pickets' clearing office in Honan is reported from Canton.

It may not be generally known that the strikers have the use of a high building on Honan Island, on the opposite side of the river to Canton city, where they issue permits for certain cargo and passports for passengers to land from Hongkong. A lookout is kept on the Hongkong steamboat from the top of the building.

This week it was alleged that a motor-boat took off from the steamboat one male passenger, eight ladies and a quantity of luggage. The motor-boat had permission to call on the steamboat but not to take off the passengers and their effects.

Action was taken and the motor-boat, passengers and luggage were detained. Three men, dressed like military officers, accompanied by ten or fifteen men armed with Mausers, are alleged to have gone to the clearing office, conducted themselves high-handedly, and finally to have made off with the motor-boat, passengers and luggage.

The report states that the "incident" has been brought to the notice of the Strike Executive and picket headquarters.

ARBITRARY STEPS.

FOREIGN OWNED SCHOOLS IN CANTON.

CHINESE AGITATION.

Arbitrary steps are suggested in a resolution which was to have come before yesterday's meeting in Canton of the Executive Society on Education—steps which aim at the very root of "foreign" schools in Canton and territory.

The proposer is of the opinion that since the Nationalist Government is busy with the present war, decisive measures ought to be adopted by the Society. The proposals include:—

Administrative committees and positions of principals to be confined to Chinese (i.e. in schools now owned or controlled by foreigners).

Land and property vested in such institutions to be turned over to Chinese.

All schools managed by foreigners to be registered with the Government which will appoint one supervisor, from the educational departments, to be continually at the schools and to direct all matters and matters pertaining to administration.

(Syllabus, etc., to conform with Government regulations. Opposition to be overcome by forcible measures if necessary.

HAVE NO FEAR!

"WILD BEASTS" PASS THROUGH HONGKONG.

BUT DIDN'T STAY.

Iguana, Tapir, Otter and Snakes.

Residents who read this week's report of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals may have noticed that under the heading of imports for July were 2 otters, 4 iguanas and 6 baskets of snakes.

In the course of their rounds, the inspectors of the Society "cure" even for the ferocious animals of the jungle, teaching the ignorant how to avoid cruelty.

There was also in the monthly report a list under exports. But these strange creatures were not mentioned in this section and the presumption was that they were kept here.

Such is not the case. One need have no fear that returning home late may mean an unwelcome welcome by stray iguana.

At Iguana's Tail! Not knowing what an iguana was, for a "China Mail" reporter set out to make inquiries.

A gentleman who has roamed the seven seas spoke of having seen many members of this branch of the reptile family in the Philippine Islands. He also confessed to sharing in a meal off the tail the body being inedible. A guess that he hazarded was that these iguanas were brought here to make a special brew of medicinal samshu, as an ingredient in Chinese wine like snakes, monkeys, etc.

The four that came here were each six feet long, fully grown creatures. They awaited transshipment, and were not sent off till this month, hence the absence from the "exports." The consignees are the Zoological Society of Japan, where the assembly is being gradually added to so that their "zoo" is now becoming well known.

Hongkong "Zoo."

The speaker on the subject of an iguana's tail, also told the "China Mail" man about a wild animal entrapment in Gilman Street, where a distributing agent received weird monsters from all parts of the world and delivered them to owners of travelling shows in all parts of China.

Seriously, however, an iguana, not unlike a chameleon, is the most aquatic of the lizard family. They live on marine vegetation, diving under water to do so; and they can stay under for some considerable time without coming to the surface to breathe.

Then somebody suggested that the otters may have been brought here by the Fanling Hunt. Such is not the case, the zoological gardens in Japan also being the destination in this case.

Snakes For Food.

The "Mail" reporter also heard that a tapir arrived a few days ago, to be sent on to San Francisco.

Articles in previous issues of this paper have explained the uses to which snakes are put by Chinese in this Colony and, of course, elsewhere. Snakes form an expensive item in diet—in fact more costly than a luxury. Even the poisonous variety have their value. The spleen is supposed to have great restorative attributes and the "meat" is considered a delicacy.

The import of snakes into Hongkong (from Canton "more far") has been restricted by the strike. But there is also a re-export business, Hongkong dealers sending on shipments to places where the Cantonese emigrate in any number.

As the winter is the snake feast season, it is thought that the batch of six baskets mentioned in the H.K.S.P.C.A. report were either for transshipment, or for making special snake samshu.

WEEK-END WEATHER.

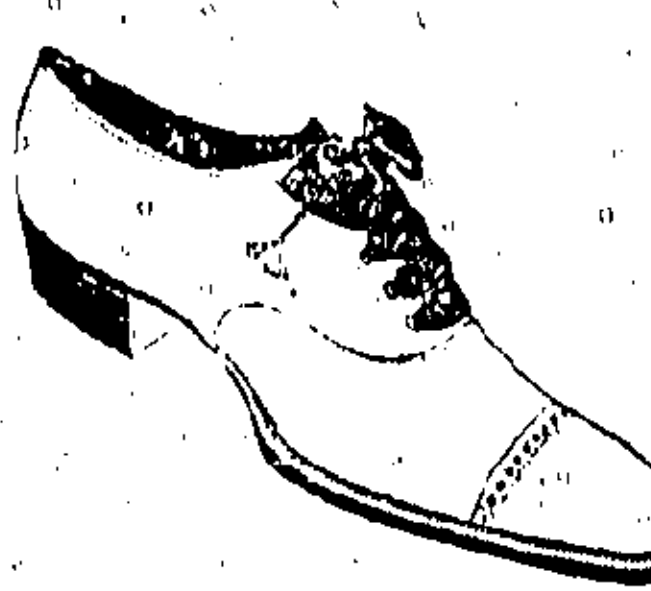
Till noon to-morrow the weather forecast is:—Moderate S.E. winds; variable, showery.

At 11.17 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—

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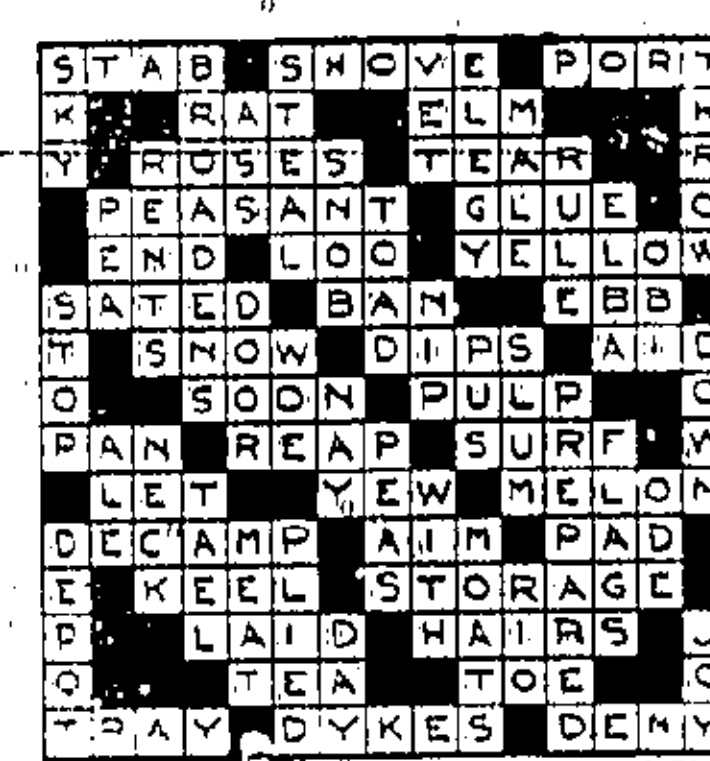
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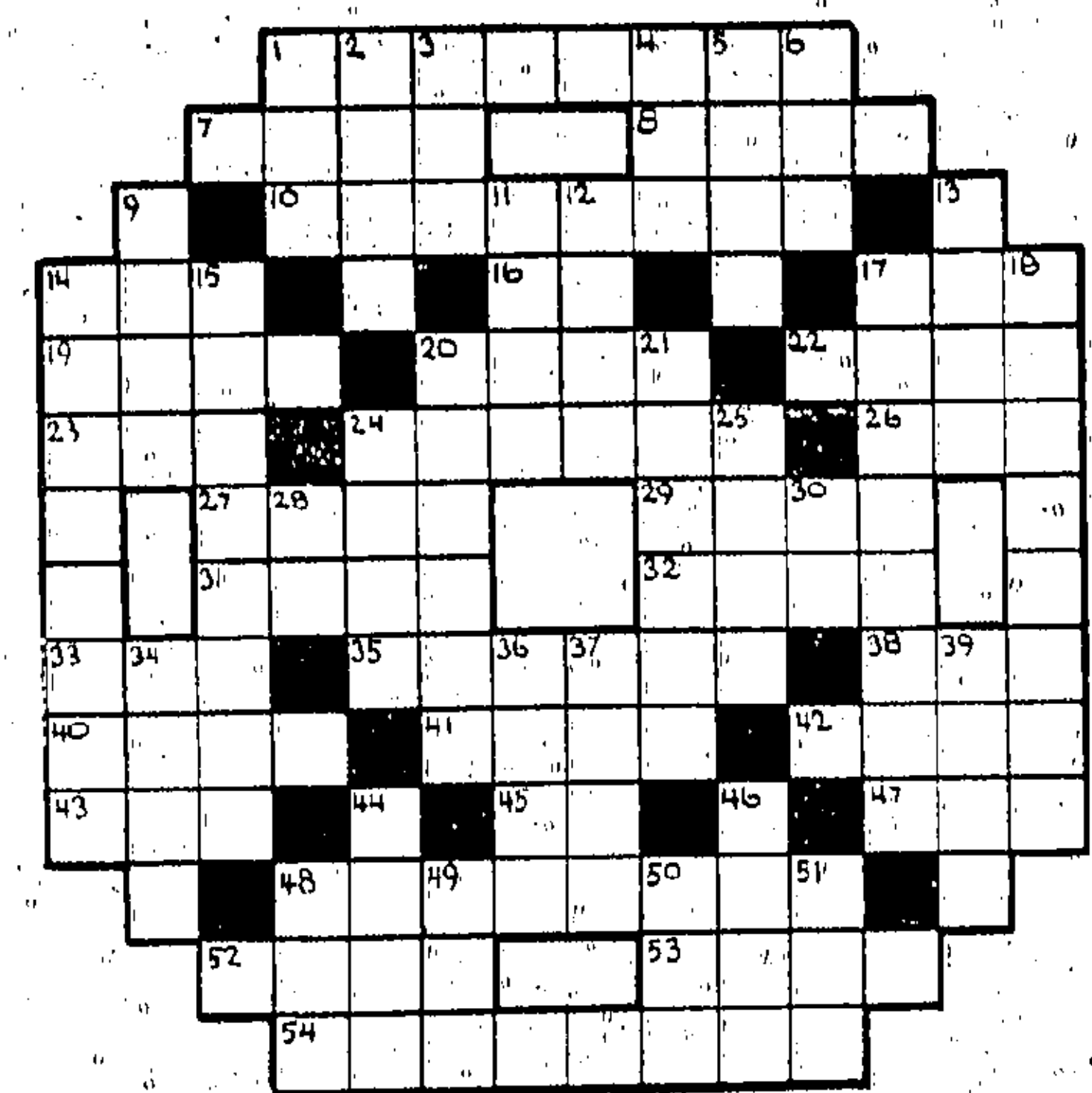
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL
1—One tenth of a gram
7—Queen of the gods (Gr. Myth.)
8—To inaugurate
10—Famous French general
14—Overruled
16—Latin for "that is" (abbr.)
17—Labrador (abbr.)
19—Pernicious
20—As well as
22—To enroll, as voters
23—Ensnare
24—To inculcate gradually
26—Formerly
27—Suspend
29—Calcium oxide
31—To tramp
32—Misfortunes
33—A close relative (abbr.)
35—Moderately | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
38—Japanese gash
40—Girl's name
41—A shawl
42—So be it
43—Completion
45—Evists
47—A unit of work
49—One who practices a certain system of medicine
52—River in S. W. United States
53—Desolation
54—An Eastern State of U. S. | VERTICAL (Cont.)
9—Utter wildly
11—Greasy liquids
12—For fear that
13—Wan
14—Intelligent
15—Restrain
17—Secluded
18—Exuding
20—Ministering spirits
21—in a greasy manner
24—Writing fluids
25—A flower
28—Three-toed sloth
30—Milliliter (abbr.)
34—Under-sized animal
36—E. Gen. State of U. S.
37—An insect
39—Iceberg
44—Wide-mouth jar
46—Shook
48—Determination
49—Etruscan god
50—A constitution
51—Concealed |
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SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start one by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

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AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai) Wednesday 18th August.
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MR BEATTY IN ENGLAND.

Mr. E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., which owns and controls, in addition to the railway, the company's steamship services, running from Britain to Canada, and across the Pacific from Vancouver to China and Japan, is at present on a visit to Liverpool, having come over from Canada, especially to place the orders in Britain for two passenger liners and five cargo steamers.

In the course of an interview with a representative of "The Journal of Commerce," Mr. Beatty said that the tenders for the new steamers were not all in yet, but would be completed before he left Britain on his return to Canada by the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of France. Tenders had been received from the principal shipbuilding companies of Great Britain, and he would issue an official statement, before his departure, as to which firm had received the contracts for the building of the steamers. The two passenger steamers are to be of 17,000 tons, a little larger than the present "M." ships, which operated between Liverpool and Canada, and when completed, they would be placed in either the Liverpool to Canada, or the Southampton to Canada services.

Both these vessels are to be fitted with single reduction geared turbine engines, and will be oil driven. The type of engine to be fitted to the five cargo steamers, whether Diesel or steam, had not yet been settled, but the specifications set out in the tenders were for the alternative type, and they would decide, on receipt of the tenders, which system to adopt. Hitherto, they had built steamers on the Tyne, at Belfast, and on the Clyde, where their principal shipbuilding had been carried out.

As regards the building of the passenger liners, these will undoubtedly be constructed in British yards, but Continental firms might tender for some of the freight tonnage. No German firms had yet tendered for any of this new tonnage, although the Germans had been able to cut prices very much in the iron and steel industry. The placing of the orders for this new tonnage represented the great faith that the Canadian Pacific Company had in the development of the trade between Britain and Canada, and he thought that their hopes in this direction would be justified. These orders, when placed, would represent something in the neighborhood of £3,000,000, and naturally the principal British shipbuilding firms were anxious to obtain this new business, as they had had for some months a very lean time in the way of new orders.

On the question of the general conditions in Canada, and the prospects for emigration, Mr. Beatty said conditions were improving. They had had three good crops, both in money value and volume, and the prospects for this year are excellent. The moisture is an important factor in their crops, and the conditions this year, in that respect, are good.

The number of emigrants dealt with this year so far is very much in excess of last year, but not as great as they would like. They had absorbed, before the war, each year between 300,000 and 400,000 new people, and they hoped they would soon again approach that figure. They had not yet been able to do it, but the prospects were improving, although the emigrants were not coming forward as rapidly as they expected them.

Asked whether there were any contemplated managerial changes on the European side of the concern, Mr. Beatty said that these were not under consideration at the present time.

Washington, July 17.—News despatches from San Francisco report the establishment of a new shipping service by the Yamashita Kisen Kaisha on the Pacific between the Orient and the West Coast of America. The service will begin with the sailing of the Montreal Maru on October 18. It is intended to put four vessels in service, for Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai and other North China ports. The Yamashita line will operate outside the Pacific west-bound conference.

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PORTUGUESE SHIPS.

NEW PROPOSALS FOR PROTECTION.

MONOPOLY FOR STATE CARGOES.

The Portuguese Parliament has at present under consideration a bill which if adopted will very materially strengthen the measures of discrimination already in operation in favour of the national flag, and create a monopoly for the transport of State cargoes. The main provisions of the Bill, which is supported by the Commission for the Defence of the Mercantile Marine, are as follows:—

An expert organisation is to be created composed of technical and professional persons well acquainted with all questions relating to the mercantile marine. This body will study and propose for adoption all measures which may be advantageous to commercial shipping and the fishing industry.

All the charges pertaining to the administration of the Port of Lisbon should be reduced by at least 50 per cent.

In all the port capitulations of Continental Portugal, of the adjacent islands and of the colonies, the charges relating to inspections, surveys, visas on the log-book, certificates, etc., and all other costs and charges bearing upon national ships, should be reduced by 50 per cent.

A commission shall be appointed to fix the number of officers and seamen necessary on each ship, according to the nature of its traffic.

A time-table for labour on board shall be drawn up, taking into account and consideration the corresponding regulations on foreign ships, with a view to placing the Portuguese mercantile marine on a footing of equality with its foreign rivals.

All taxes, dues and imposts bearing upon rigging and other articles necessary for the mercantile marine and fishing shall be abolished.

Purchase of Ships Abroad.

The acquisition of ships abroad by the Portuguese mercantile marine, either for the purposes of commercial traffic, or for any other form of industry whatever, such as fishing, etc., shall be entirely free.

For all goods coming from abroad and transported by national ships, there shall be a reduction of 20 per cent. from all the existing dues and surtaxes.

The present reduction of 20 per cent. from dues and surtaxes in favour of goods shipped in national vessels and destined for foreign ports shall be increased to 40 per cent.

The benefits and reductions of import duties for goods coming from the colonies and transported by national ships, as well as the benefits and reductions of export duties on national merchandise conveyed to the colonies by national ships shall be doubled.

The industrial contributions by the national shipowners shall be completely abolished.

The obligatory surveys, by the Surveys Commission of the captaincy of the Port of Lisbon shall be abolished in the cases of ships which have been classified by Lloyd's Register, the Norske Veritas, British Corporation, Bureau Veritas, Germanischer Lloyd, American Record, &c., seeing that the repairs demanded by the captaincy are not recognised abroad, because that captaincy has not and cannot have the status of an organisation competent for the purposes of classification.

The consular dues and taxes at the port of loading shall be reduced by 50 per cent. for all goods loaded on national ships.

All cargoes for account of the State, whether for export or import shall be carried on national ships, and only by way of exception on foreign ships when no national tonnage is available.

THE "RENGAM" DISABLED.

The British motor vessel "Rengam" was towed into Singapore on July 30 by the steamer "Kelata." The "Rengam," a small vessel on the Singapore-Muar run, lost her propeller near Tanjong Toko on the morning of the 24th, and she was taken in tow on to Muar by the Ban Whatt Soon. On her arrival, she went into dry dock at Keppel Harbour for repairs.

On July 12 the K.K. liner Dover Maru (8,198 tons) from Takao, Formosa, cast anchor outside Yokohama harbour, when the Oregon and Oriental liner Las Vegas (5,403 tons) came along and collided with her, the bow of the Las Vegas piercing the Dover Maru's port side and making a big hole thirty feet in length from the bridge down to the water-mark, five feet in width, and a foot in depth. The bow of the Las Vegas was bent. The Japanese vessel was soon taken to the Asano Dockyard. Her damage appeared to be very serious.

B/L PRACTICE.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION'S STATEMENT.

ON JAPAN SILK.

A practice common in the East, particularly with regard to silk from Japan to American coast ports, of issuing shipped bills of lading, although the goods to which these relate have not actually been put on board the vessel, is the subject of some interesting statements published by the Manchester Association of Importers and Exporters. The British Association of Japan wrote as follows to the Council of the Manchester Association:—

"It is quite true that 'shipped' bills of lading are issued for goods before they are actually loaded on board vessels in Japanese ports."

"The question of the legality of this practice in Japan has never been fought out in the Courts but eminent counsel are firmly of the opinion that shipping companies are in order in doing this. The Blue Funnel and the American Shipping Board Lines are the only shipping companies who refuse to adopt this dangerous custom."

Practice Condemned.

"We cannot hold out any hope of the custom being discontinued, although strong efforts are being made in influential quarters to effect reforms."

"The practice is condemned by British shipping managers generally, but, unfortunately, the matter is one of those which are unfavourably affected by competition. Some shipping lines are ready to issue shipped bills in this way and others are compelled to follow suit. The trouble, says the writer of City Notes in 'The Times,' is due, apparently, to financing, since merchants may find it easier to secure finance when bills are issued showing that goods have been placed on board, although this is not the fact. Marine underwriters are concerned in the question. Delays might easily occur between the issue of shipped bills and the actual shipment of goods. It would seem to be desirable, in the interests of commercial morality, that some other method of attaining the objects than the issue of incorrect documents, should be devised."

TO AID ALBA.

STEAMER WHICH STRUCK REEF BADLY HOLED.

Manila, August 2.
The Atlantic Gulf and Pacific company boat "Salvager" left yesterday at 12 o'clock to help in getting the "Nuestra Señora de Alba," inter-island boat belonging to the Hercules Lumber Company, off the reef in Davao gulf on which it was stranded on Thursday evening. The "Salvager" is expected to reach the stranded vessel about 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

A wireless message received yesterday from the Fernandez Hermanos steamer "Luzon," which is standing by, says that the "Alba" has holes in both the starboard and port sides. The hold is full of water, and the engine and dynamo rooms are both under water. Part of the cargo has been taken out on "Luzon." Stevedoring Company lighters. The three passengers already are in Davao.

The "Nuestra Señora de Alba" formerly was the United States transport Liscum, and before that was known as the San Juan. The vessel is strongly built, and if fair weather keeps up probably can be brought to Manila. She is insured for \$100,000 with the Union Insurance Company of Canton.

A SHIP'S EXCITING EXPERIENCE.

On the arrival in Colombo of the "Roserie" from Calcutta, the captain related an exciting incident, which took place on the Hooghly. It was a perfectly calm day and the vessel was preparing to sail, when suddenly the river rose and huge waves swept over the vessel's deck. Eight members of the crew, who were on deck at the time, were dashed against the railings. One of the number, the Quarter-Master of the ship, fell overboard and was mortally injured by coming in contact with the side of the ship. He was picked up in a serious condition and transferred to a B.I. vessel, which had a surgeon on board. The conditions soon improved and the "Roserie" got away safely.

The first three months of 1926 show a serious falling off in Danish shipping as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year. There were 3,100 less vessels calling at Danish ports and a tonnage reduction of 102,000 tons. Cargo discharged was lower by 26,000 tons and the cargo loaded dropped 127,000 tons below last year's mark for the period.

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KALYAN	9,141	21st Sept.	Miles, London, A'werp & Hull
NAGPORE	9,283	10th Sept.	Miles, London, A'werp & Hull
MALWA	10,941	18th Sept.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	2nd Oct.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NOKEA	10,913	16th Oct.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,111	30th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MAKTA	10,902	13th Nov.	Marseilles & London
KARMALA	9,129	27th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MADEONIA	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,141	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NAGPORE	10,913	5th Feb.	Marseilles & London
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TAKADA	6,949	4th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SANTHA	7,754	7th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
THAWA	10,905	1st Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALAMBA	8,018	23rd Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,841	30th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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TALAMBA	8,018	3rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KASHGAR	9,005	3rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	7,754	7th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MORRA	10,918	16th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	26th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYBER	9,111	1st Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,900	5th Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MAKTA	10,902	16th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	25th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	30th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,956	2nd Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MADEONIA	11,089	13th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,097	27th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	7,754	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MALWA	10,941	16th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KALYAN	9,141	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,900	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MORRA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

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Singapore: M. M. & Co.
Seangbee (3784) Br. from Rangoon.
Singapore: Tuen Kee.
Halvard (1217) Br. from Hongkong.
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For Marseilles: Djikini.
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Clearances.
For Singapore: Delta.
For Shanghai: Kalyan.
For Kobe: Tyndareus.
For Amoy: Tjisalak.
For Manila: Calulu, Gemma.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British	25
American	2
Panama	1
German	1
Japanese	5
Chinese	10
Dutch	5
French	2
Norwegian	1
Portuguese	2
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RIVER SHOOTING.

When the "Fatshan" arrived yesterday afternoon from Canton she had on board a coolie who is alleged to have been shot by boycott-pickets on the Canton River. The coolie was carrying fish for shipment to Hongkong by the "Fatshan" when a motor boat passed by. One of the pickets opened fire and the coolie was wounded in the high. He was treated on board the "Fatshan," and subsequently transferred to the Government Civil Hospital, when the boat arrived here yesterday.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Yokohama on July 31, and is due at Vancouver on August 9.

To-day the s.s. "Teal" reports:—Sighted a derelict junk, bottom up awash, in Lat. 21.42.30 N., Long 113.33.30 E.

For going without permission on board the s.s. "Seangbee," while in Hongkong harbour, six Chinese were each fined \$25, or three weeks' hard labour, by the Marine Magistrate this morning.

OBITUARIES.

LIEUT. COM. W. A. HIGGINS.

The death occurred on August 2 at 3.30 a.m. of Lieutenant-Commander Wilfred A. Higgins, commanding officer of H.M.S. "Teal." Heat prostration was given as the reason for death, the officer having been taken to the Victoria Nursing Home with a high temperature and all the symptoms of heat stroke. He had been feeling unwell for several days preceding on account of the intense heat.

Commander Higgins had been in command of the "Teal" in the Upper Yangtze since April, 1925, having joined her staff in January of that year. He was 33 years old and had served in Home waters during the war, latterly commanding, as lieutenant, a destroyer operating out of the Dover Base.

He had displayed considerable initiative and resource in the difficult district of the Upper Yangtze and for his services was given a short time back the thanks of the Admiralty. H.M.S. "Teal" has only recently arrived in Shanghai from Chungking for a refit, where, in the latter place, it will be remembered, the loss of another of the ship's officers, the second-in-command, was reported. This officer fell overboard and was drowned.

Commander Higgins was unmarried and a native of London. The funeral took place at the Pansienjiao Cemetery in the presence of a large number of friends.

The services both in the chapel and at the graveside were conducted by the Rev. A. G. S. Trivett, M.A., sub-dean of the Holy Trinity Cathedral, and the chief mourners were Sir Sidney Barton, K.B.E., H.M. Consul-General; Mr. E. G. Jamieson, C.B.E., H.M. Consul; Mr. A. Archer, C.B.E., H.M. Vice-Consul; Lt. R. J. Harrison, R.N., of H.M.S. "Teal"; Lt. Comm. D. Garvey, R.N., H.M.S. "Woodcock"; and Lt. J. W. Hall, R.N., of the same man-of-war. Among those present were Paymaster-Commander J. M. L. Cusack, Engineer-Commander L. G. Sweetlove, Capt. R. C. A. Glunick, R.N., Col. W. F. L. Gordon, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commandant, Shanghai Volunteer Corps; Major E. B. McNaghten, D.S.O., Major Robinson, Major McMichael, Capt. Alister Campbell, G. E. Marden, and Lt. Col. G. E. Marden, and Lt. Col. G. E. Marden, and Lt. Col. G. E. Marden.

The pall-bearers were composed of chief petty officers and petty officers of H.M.S. "Teal," and a firing squad of eight bluejackets was detailed from H.M.S. "Woodcock" and "Teal" under Chief Petty Officer Stephenson. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, on top of which were carried the deceased officer's hat and sword. Three volleys having been fired by the firing party, a bugler from the Shanghai Volunteers sounded the "Last Post."

THE REVD. MAX CHAPLIN.

The following appreciation of the late Rev. Max Chaplin and his work is received from Mr. Harry Kingman:—
It was about 14 years ago, in

the half-mile race of the Yale-Princeton dual track meet, that Maxwell Chaplin first came into prominence. Only a Sophomore at the time he was not taken seriously by the middle-distance runners of old Eli but on the home stretch he produced a sprint, which carried him across the line a winner in close to record time.

When I saw Chaplin in his bathing suit the other day, on the morning of July 19 to be exact, he appeared much as I imagine he did when he was winning for the Orange and Black almost a decade and a half ago. He still looked like an athlete. At 2.20 p.m. the following day he was dead of cholera.

Max arrived from Showchow, Anhwei, on the evening of the 18th. He brought with him his tennis racket, some new tennis balls, a baseball glove and ball. Three years ago I put him on third base in an American-Japanese ball game here in Tientsin. Thanks largely to Verne Clair's pitching and to Max's four sizzling hits we won the contest. He seemed anxious to get some more baseball this summer.

A wire has come from the Chinese staff in Showchow. He had "the gift for life sacrifice" say those who worked with him. The people of this land who knew Maxwell Chaplin will not soon forget him, for he was of that order for whose friendship human beings never lose the sense of need. Chaplin was one of the pioneers in the new movement to end war. In 1916 he, along with Kirby Page, was a welfare worker among German prisoners in England.

When he returned to the United States he found his ideas on war very unpopular, but he managed to convince at least a few people that moral problems were not to be solved by the resort to physical force, that ultra-nationalism was a fee of the Christian ideal of the brotherhood of all men, and that one of the greatest crusades in the days of reconstruction which should follow the senseless slaughter of humanity must be the crusade to banish war from the earth.

Chaplin came to China under the Presbyterian Board in 1920 for evangelistic work, being stationed at Hwai Yuen. In 1923 he was called upon to open a new station in Showchow, 70 miles up the Hwai River where in his spare time he constructed a beautiful church, a modern hospital, and two foreign residences. At the dedication of the church, so I have heard, Max kept so in the background that not until later did the Chinese Christians realise that they had failed to honour the one who chiefly deserved the credit for the new building.

KWANGTUNG RIVERS.

Waterlevels (In English Feet) at 8 a.m.

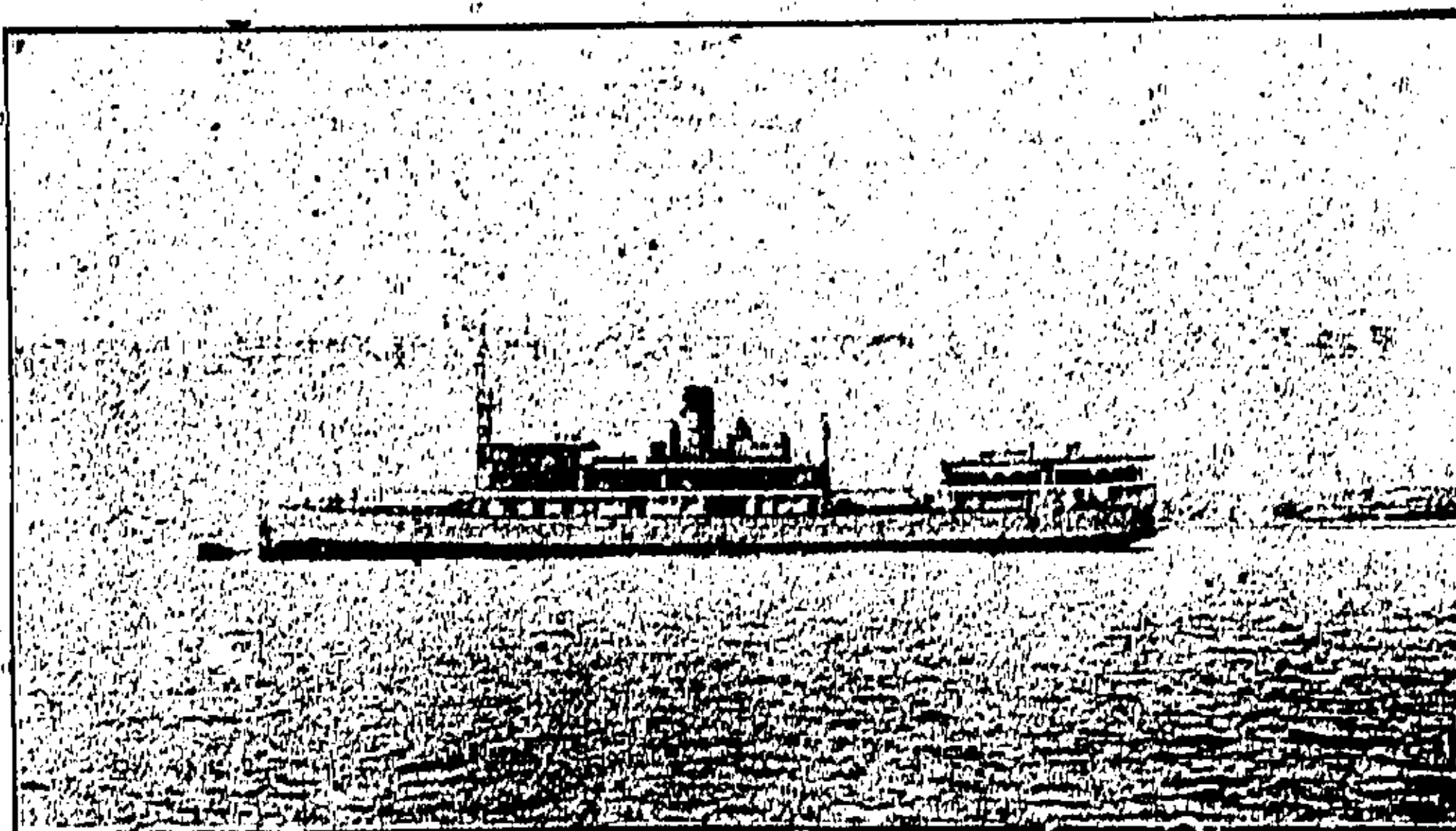
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BIRTH.**BAGGER.**—On August 1, 1926, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Bagger, a daughter.**DEATH.****VACHHA.**—On July 31, 1926, at St. Mary's Hospital, Shanghai, Mehroo Vachha, dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Vachha, of 18 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, aged 15 months.

Hongkong, Saturday, August 7, 1926.

A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

It is now over a month since restriction of rent on the 1922 basis was removed by the Government and although fears of unfair increases all round have not materialised, this week has seen further correspondence in the Press from which it would appear that in some cases landlords have given notice of very substantial increases. Reference has been made to a public dispensary in Kowloon the rent of which is reported to have been trebled by the landlord. If this is so the Government has no remedy other than to close down the dispensary or remove it elsewhere for although an appeal has been made to landlords to act in a fair manner there is no tribunal to which can be submitted the question as to whether or not the rent charged is fair or unfair. The Kowloon Residents' Association is committed by reason of the referendum some months ago to the championship of the cause of those who press for the institution of a Fair Rents Board but it must be said that very little constructive has been written by the Press correspondents to help them in the task of evolving a practicable scheme of working such a Board. Of whom is the Board to consist? Will it have power to act on a finding that rent has been raised unfairly? Or will it be purely an advisory Board which will have to submit its findings to the Government? These are but a few of the questions which will have to be reckoned with in the consideration of such a scheme.

The report of the Medical Officer of Health on the incidence of malaria in the Colony provided interesting reading and should

lead to a greater realisation of the need for co-operation in assisting the Sanitary and Medical authorities, whose task is rendered all the more difficult by the lack of a satisfactory system of centralisation of control. The ordinary non-scientific man might be pardoned under the present lack of systematic control for asking what is the use of following a lot of highly technical ideas and making a point of filling up with cement about a dozen bamboo posts round one's little garden when at the end of the same garden there are open yards of ditch or newly undertaken work over the supervision of which the Sanitary department is probably unable to exercise the slightest control.

Any organisation for the control of wireless in a small Colony such as Hongkong is surrounded by difficulties in every way. There is the difficulty of the unsettled state of China which makes it a very responsible thing for the Government to hand out licences indiscriminately and the exercising of control involves the employment of a certain amount of labour. It was therefore a very great disappointment to local radio enthusiasts when the Government did not fulfil its promise with regard to the erection of a Government controlled Radio-phone Society which, in addition to sending out typhoon warnings, bank raids or police warnings and other items of public interest would also have been available for broadcasting music. Whatever the reason, the scheme fell through and local radio enthusiasts were left to their own devices. The local Radio Society has broadcasted lately with excellent results but they are unable to proceed on more ambitious lines until evidence is forthcoming of greater interest on the part of the public. Having regard to future possibilities in the matter of re-laying from stations which can call on a greater variety of entertainment talent, it is surely not too much to ask the possessors of wireless sets locally to join the Society and be content for the present with the best that the Colony can give them.

The successful completion of the first "leg" of Mr. Cobham's flight to Australia may or may not mean that we are within a short distance of passenger flights from Britain to Australia becoming matters of every-day routine but it has certainly demonstrated the worth of British aircraft. Mr. Cobham's machine is the same which he used for his flights to India and South Africa and when he again lands in Britain it will have covered 60,000 miles. Speaking in Singapore, Mr. Cobham was very optimistic as to the future of commercial flying but it must be borne in mind that it was a long time before people became accustomed to railway travel and, as Mr. Ford sorrowfully reflects, there are still quite a number of peasants and working men here and there who do not use motor cars. Some years will probably pass before a Fly-

TAI O PIRACY.**FOURTH MAN ALLEGED AS IMPLICATED.****PIRATES' CALLOUSNESS.**

Further details of a piracy of a fishing vessel which occurred about ten miles from Tai O, Lantau Island, on May 29 were given at the Magistrate's yesterday by a small boy, a member of the crew, in giving evidence.

Three Chinese have already been committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions on charges of complicity in the piracy and yesterday's hearing concerned a fourth man who is alleged to have been concerned in the piracy.

The boy member of the crew spoke of the fishing vessel being boarded by men from another boat which came alongside and of the women on the fishing boat being pushed overboard and prevented from clinging to the side. No member of the crew of the fishing vessel had since been seen. Witness escaped by swimming to the shore after many hours buffeting in rough seas.

Witness deposed to a fourth man remaining on the pirates' boat when the attack on the fishing boat was made but he could not swear that the prisoner was the man.

The case was adjourned.

H.K.V.D.C.**A PLEASING PROMENADE CONCERT.**

A pleasing programme of familiar and popular items was rendered by the band of the East Surrey Regiment on the Volunteer Parade ground yesterday evening, the entertainment being thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience comprised of members and others interested in the Corps.

In addition to the band, items were rendered by Mr. H. E. Gardner whose excellent tenor voice was well suited to "Onaway Awaka" and "Beneath Thy Window," and Miss V. Jefford whose excellent rendering of the dances "Romance" and "French Folly" received well merited approbation.

The items rendered by the band were "Lorraine" (Gannes), "Mercenary Mary" (Godfrey), selection from "Madame Butterfly" (Puccini), "Henry VIII Dances" (German), "Four Ages of Man" (Lachner), Selections from "Gondoliers" and "Rose Marie" and the inevitable and unattractive "Charleston."

ing Ford becomes as ubiquitous as the Ford we know on the roads to-day but having regard to the advantages offered by flying as a means of travel the progress in the formation of regular air routes may be quicker than many of us imagine. The airman is gloriously independent. He knows nothing of the dreary tedium of air railway travelling, the tragedy of missed connections, and he is immune from the fallibility of porters. If it rains he can fly above the clouds into the sunshine. In fact, like Shakespeare's Puck, he can "put a girdle round the earth," not perhaps in forty minutes, as did that speedy sprite, but in a remarkably short space of time.

The House of Commons has adjourned for the Summer recess without having succeeded in bringing to an end the deadlock between the parties to the coal dispute. The Government attitude is that the question can only be settled between the parties themselves and when questioned as to whether he did not consider that acceptance by the miners of the proposals brought forward by representatives of the Churches would lead to a position in which the help of the Government would be required, the Secretary for Mines replied that if anything came of the ballot on more favourable lines than hitherto, the Government would miss no opportunity of doing its utmost to secure a genuine and complete settlement. This, presumably, would involve a special session, as the House will not otherwise meet again until November 9.

FUTURIST POETRY.**A RESIDENT'S VIEWS ON SUBJECT.****SLEEPER v. CATS.**

[By "Seigmundis."] Poetry is not, as some may

imagine it to be, a number of verses, with so many set lines containing so many feet, and written in a certain recognised metre. It is a form by which a sufficiently intelligent person can express his or her thoughts, feelings or emotions in a way which is different from ordinary prose, in that it is more elegant and refined, more powerfully vivid and exalted, and much more free, more noble, and more ingenious in construction.

Through the many centuries that are past, whenever a new movement in Art attained a certain vogue, people were bound to regard at first the tenets of its advocates as being too unreasonable and unwanted. But as years passed, their opinions or ideas of the thing changed.

Not Literature Yet.

The far-fung impossibility of the new movement was forgotten, and the opinions for which it stands were taken to be normal. The above is not false, but has actually happened; and when it comes to Futurism, it is therefore necessary, before any criticism may be made, to examine and find out what its supporters are aiming at.

In painting as well as in music, the significant modernisms or new ideas established cannot, and are not, disregarded or disrespected. With poetry in Futurist style, however, there is a little difference; for, even though we accept and can see the sensibleness of its basis or theory, we cannot, as yet, class it as Literature.

Our Life, of Speed.

Concisely, the Futurist explains that conditions of life have been speeding up very much in the course of the last century, till now we live in the heart of a maelstrom of violence, of noise, of speed, and of science and inventions. The result is that our thoughts or feelings have correspondingly changed, and consequently we need a new and altogether different form of expression.

Literature, too, is not exempted. We must pour out from our cornucopia of modern plenty an abundance of essential words, without being worried by grammar, such as finite verbs and qualifying adjectives, and stops. It is important that we leap from one idea to another without being hampered by the slightest rule. Plus and minus and other mathematical signs are used instead of the usual commas, semi-colons, or full-stops. The pace must be regulated, by musical representations; and sounds must not be described, but words must be made up to imitate them. In stress, we do not employ italics, but use

different coloured inks anywhere at will.

60-miles-an-hour Thoughts.

The efforts of a Futurist poet may at first sight seem a little disconcerting, but there is, upon closer or more experienced perusal, the real meaning in interpretation in the poem, done in Futurist style. Like Post Impressionism and Cubism, the effects are rather barbaric and chaotic; but even as the Cubist breaks away from the conventions of painting in picturing his ideas by a series of confused colours placed as best to convey the general meaning to anyone who may happen to look at it, so the Futurist breaks from the already unconventional ordinary form of poetry to portray his "sixty-miles-an-hour" thoughts or feelings in a form which is faster, more lively and pulsating.

Because Futurist poetry is a newly-born thing of Art, very few are apt to understand it completely. The poet seldom, if ever, supplements his poems by explanatory notes. The reason is, he believes every reader has no time to read the notes, the reader must take the words or representations that are seen and calculate within himself as to what they mean and stand for, arriving at a conclusion, almost instantaneous, before his eyes see the next word.

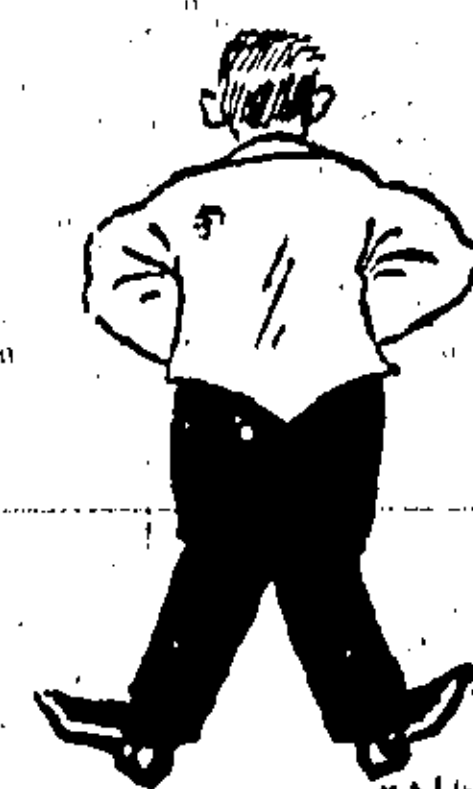
Here's an Example.

Thus, if the poet were to describe how a sleeping and snoring idiot was awakened by the hideous noises of cats on a balcony below, and how he dispersed them by pouring cold water over them, he would write something like this:—

Man = gurg! gurg!
Wall/cats = Psist!! Meow!!
etc.
Noise + ear = ix...?!!...
30 2nds:—
jug — 1 gal — 0" ISPOSH!!
cats
= (Psist! Meow! etc.) n...
2 2nds:—
Balcony—cats = shoo...oo...!
Man = 14 stone 10 lb.
bed

Some Arguments.

It may be absurd, but it fulfils the laws and requirements of Futurist poetry. Whether it is Literature or not is a question which can only be decided with time, though even now a careful Futurist scarcely dare assert it is. But no thinking person can say that we have not changed in our mode of living, and also refuse to accept the Futurist proposition that the great change in our emotional life must necessarily have an altogether new form by which we moderns can express ourselves. The whole dispute is whether this form of expression is absolutely adaptable. Perhaps, if it is not found quite suitable, then we may even use "skeleton heiroglyphics in conjunction with the signs and words already employed so as to bring out more clearly the actual meaning of the poems." Contributed to the "China Mail."

TIT-BITS OF HONGKONG'S SUMMER.

"NO -



- THIS IS NOT -



- A NEW FORM -



- OF CHARLESTON -



- BUT MERELY -



- A BAD ATTACK OF PRICKLY HEAT! -

Local residents may find solace after seeing this cartoon in the fact that the old Chinese calendar says that to-morrow is the beginning of autumn.

THOUGHT CONTROL.

A THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY LECTURE.

OCCULTISM COMPARED.

At the last public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge Theosophical Society, Mr. H. E. Lane, part gave an address on Thought Control in which he said in brief:

There is a certain difference between Thought Control, as understood by the average well-balanced and virtuous man of the world, and that of an Occultist, and this difference arises in regard to the position that the mind holds towards the man. In ordinary parlance we mean by thought-control that the mind has been developed to such an extent that the passions and appetites of the body, the lower emotions that hurry people away without reflection, are dominated by the powers of the mind and that such a man is not determined in his actions by the various attractions that surround him outside, but by a mass of experiences recorded in what is called his memory and by a certain rule of conduct laid down by the mind in a moment of calm when the desire nature is silent.

But there is another stage to which this man may come. He may come into contact with a great philosophy of life which explains to him something more of the workings of the mind. He may come, for instance, into contact with the great theosophical teachings, and in that philosophy he may learn a new view of the Universe which will largely modify his outlook upon life and his own position in it. He will realise far more than he did before he studied things from a Theosophical standpoint, the enormous influence of his thoughts, that the mind is actually making definite existences or entities which the mind sends out into the world, working either for good or for evil on the minds and upon the lives of people with whom the creator of these entities—not necessarily need come into personal contact to produce far-reaching results, which inevitably will react on him who sent them out.

Personal Responsibility. Hence he will begin to understand his tremendous personal responsibility in the world of thought as well as in the worlds of feeling and desires and physical actions. He may be purifying or fouling the minds of his generation, he may be helping, or hindering the progress of the world. He will realise that each time when there arises in him a noble thought he has set up in himself an attractive centre to which other noble thoughts will be drawn by magnetic affinity so that his own mind will be helped and strengthened. And as he learns to understand this mental brotherhood which binds all men together, his daily life will deal more with thought than with action, and he will come to know that in the region of the invisible there are generated all the forces which come down into the psychic and physical life.

The man who thus has learnt to control his thoughts and consciously to use them for the helping of his fellowmen is now a candidate to enter that steeper and shorter Ancient Path that leadeth to human Perfection within a greatly lessened number of lives, which the bulk of humanity will accomplish only after hundreds of lives spent in aimless drifting about. The earnest man who will have realised something of the deeper truth of the nature of life around him will then suddenly recognise something which is behind the mind, that the mind which seemed so great, the ruler of the world and its monarch, is clearly subordinated to something which is vastly sublimer, which at moments only shines out for a moment and then again is veiled. To him then has come down into the mind a ray of light, a glimpse of the soul, which he dimly feels is himself and yet is far greater than himself—the Mind. He will then learn to define his Soul as that which individualises the Universal Spirit, which focusses the Universal Light into a single point, which is, as it were, a receptacle into which is poured the Spirit, so that which in itself is universal, poured into this receptacle appears as separate, identical in its essence with the Universal Spirit always but separated now in its manifestation; the purpose of this separation being that an individual may develop and grow, that there may be an individualised life potent on every plane in the Universe; that it may know on the physical and on the psychical planes as it knows on the spiritual, and have no break in consciousness in all the worlds of rarer and denser aggregation of divine matter.

As each new birth comes and new experience in the worlds of

LOCAL HISTORY.

CHINESE CHAMBER ON TRADE.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS.

The Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has decided to compile data on the history and development of local Chinese trade, and commercial guilds affiliated to the Chamber are to be asked to furnish details concerning their respective branches.

This was announced at yesterday's committee meeting. Mr. Li Yau-tsun presided, supported by Mr. J. M. Wong (vice-chairman) and Mr. Ip Lan-chuen (secretary). There were about forty present.

Matters which came up at the meeting comprised:—
The Chamber recently took up with the authorities a complaint made by the Vegetable and Fruit Guild of Hongkong regarding the system of searching by Police. The situation has improved considerably and the Guild wrote to the Chamber a letter of appreciation.

Similar complaints were lodged by the Poultry Association from Mongkok. Police Headquarters have asked for evidence so that police who commit alleged offences may be prosecuted.

The Chinese undertakers of Hongkong recently had a dispute with their employers, and threatened to strike. They complained to the Chamber of the alleged treatment by employers. The Chamber some weeks ago acted as intermediary and effected a settlement which gave the undertakers an increase in wages, but according to the workers, the employers have failed to carry out the understanding.

H. S. FIRESTONE, JR.

READY TO TELL COOLIDGE.

Paul Smith's, N.Y., July 31. "Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., vice-president of the Firestone Tire Company, will make a report on the rubber growing situation in the Far East to President Coolidge on Monday, having just completed his tour of inspection of rubber plantations in that region."

The rubber situation is claiming the close attention of President Coolidge and the secretary of commerce, Herbert Hoover, who hope to achieve greater independence from British sources of production.

Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., and a staff of rubber experts, spent several weeks in the Philippines early in the present year, visiting the rubber growing districts of Mindanao and adjacent islands. He submitted a plan for amending the land laws of the Philippines which would permit rubber production on a large scale by corporations.—Associated Press.

matter has to be gained, this Soul casts out into new temporal dense-matter vestures a part of itself, to gather through them for itself new experience in the worlds of action, of feeling and of thought.

Mind in Man.

And this part of the Soul which is flowing, protruding downwards on to the lower planes, this puny tentacle of the Immortal Soul, the imperishable True Self, is what we call the Mind-in-man, a part of the Soul, working and confined in the brain, greatly dimmed by it in consciousness, unable to pierce through this thicker veil of matter, and thus all the greatness that we know as the Mind is only this struggling blinded part of the Soul, working in this brain prison for purposes of the Soul's growth. Thus he will know himself as this imperishable Soul, and the mind only as its temporal and sorely limited manifestation. He will realise that his Soul, his true Ego, is one and the same through all his many lives on earth, ever growing in more perfect manifestation and self-realisation with the overcoming of the illusions of the worlds of forms. He will learn the truth of the ancient teaching that "The Mind is the Great Slayer of the Real, let the Disciple Slay the Slayer." For the Spirit-World there is Reality, it is only as the process of differentiation proceeds that illusion is produced, it is this mind that makes the illusion. And unless the Disciple learns to fully subject to that individualised centre into which the all-consciousness of the Universal Self is focussed, called the Soul, his Mind—that puny part of the Soul working under the blinding limitations of physical brain matter—unless he learns to get rid of this illusive power of the mind which is the slayer of the Real, will never be able to penetrate into the Sanctuary of the Inner Temple where in serenity and splendour overdwells the Divine, his True Self.

IN THE PACIFIC.

DEPOPULATION AND ITS CAUSES.

A PLANT SENSATION.

London, August 6.

"The Origin of Species," "Tutankhamen's Cosmetics," "Putroleum Flaming within Measurable Time," "Social Justice of Inheritance Wealth" are among the diversity of subjects so far discussed by the British Association at Oxford.

Captain Pitt Rivers lectured to the Section of Anthropology on the depopulation of the Pacific. He detailed several interesting causes, but concluded that there was no evidence of a decline in the numbers before the advent of Europeans, and stated that defenders of the innate native degeneracy theory are unable to produce proof of the extinction of races due to anything but European contact.—Reuter.

Plant Life.

Rugby, August 6.

Parliament having dispersed, political topics of discussion have receded a trifle into the background. For the moment more interest is being taken in the proceedings of the British Association for the advancement of science, which have been honoured by the participation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

What is considered one of the most remarkable demonstrations which have ever been given before the Association was that made by Sir Jagadis Chander Bose, the Indian scientist, this afternoon. Hitherto men of science have held the belief that the life mechanism of plants is a wholly different thing from that of animals, one being constantly passive and the other aggressive and active. Outwardly, therefore, it has not appeared that there is any continuity between them.

The contention advanced by Sir Jagadis, after long continued experiments in Calcutta that have been arousing world attention, is that such assumptions are entirely wrong. He says that plants have hearts, and that he can record the heart beats clearly and vary those beats simply by administering stimulants or depressants.

By means of an exceedingly delicate apparatus Sir Jagadis Bose to-day was able to show on sensitised plates the reactions of plants to drugs. To prove that sap in plants is driven in the same way as blood in man, the lecturer put a dying marigold into ether and another dying marigold into deadly poison. The first plant revived, but the second drooped and died.

The audience of scientists watched with intense excitement a snap-dragon's struggle for life. A spot of light representing the snap-dragon's pulse was thrown on the wall of a darkened room. Poison was administered to the plant. The spot of light moved to the left toward death. Then, when almost at the point of death, the snap-dragon was given ether. For minute after minute the spot of light remained stationary whilst the forces of life and death met in combat. Then the light moved to the right—toward life. Its first movement to the right was greeted with a storm of applause.

Remarkable Skull.

Another remarkable feature has been the exhibition of a skull discovered at Gibraltar by Miss Garrod. It was a striking commentary on the position that women scientists hold to-day. Miss Garrod made the discovery whilst excavating a site at Devil's Tower. Sir Arthur Keith declared this discovery to be important. He said that it was the first completely representative skull of a Neanderthal child yet found. It was the skull of a boy aged from eight to ten years. There was no doubt that the kind of men living in Europe at this time over 20,000 years ago were a most peculiar species. They were more different from us than we could realise. They differed far more from us than the fair Nordic differs from the black negro.

Sir William Boyd Dawkins described how the Neanderthal man had no chin, and could not assume an erect attitude. The date of Neanderthal man was so infinitely remote that they could only measure it by geological evolution.—British Wireless Service.

PARCEL POST.

Under an order made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, Ordinance No. 7 of 1926, on July 31, the following rates of postage shall be imposed on parcels posted in Hongkong and destined for China as from September 1:—

For a parcel not exceeding:—	
3 lbs.	\$0.80
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SEX QUESTION.

Y.M.C.A. THIRST FOR INFORMATION.

IN CHRISTIAN SETTING.

Helsingford, August 6.

Among the resolutions passed at the final session of the Y.M.C.A. World Conference was one which observes that the Conference amply evidenced that boys and young men are greatly concerned with the sex question.

The resolution urges the Y.M.C.A. to impress on parents their obvious duty of giving accurate knowledge of sex to their children and unite with Christian doctors and teachers in finding the best methods of imparting this in a Christian setting.

Professor Elliot, summarising the discussions, remarked that the demand for information on this question had been more insistent than any other.—Reuter.

CHINA'S WAR.

WHAT SUN CHUAN-FANG WILL DO.

Peking, August 6.

According to the Chinese Press, Marshal Wu Pei-fu issued a circular telegram on the 4th instant announcing that Sun Chuan-fang had agreed to undertake defensive measures in connection with the Southern invasion of Hunan.

Foreign circles believe that Sun Chuan-fang is unlikely to move against the invaders as long as they remain in Hunan, but will take action if Kiangsi or Fukien is threatened.

It is reported in Chinese financial circles that the Ministry of Finance is submitting to the Cabinet a plan to float Treasury Bonds for twenty million dollars, to be termed "Fifteenth Year Bonds."—Reuter.

BRUTAL ATTACK.

EUROPEAN BEATEN BY CHINESE.

Shanghai, August 6.

While a mining engineer, named Mr. Morgan, of the Anglo-American Coal Company, was returning to Changsha on July 14 in a junk from a trip to the mines, retreating soldiers attacked him and seized the junk, the boatmen fleeing.

The soldiers bound, gagged and brutally beat Morgan and threatened to kill him and throw his body in the river, but after twenty-four hours, during which he was bound and gagged, they released him.

The boatmen returned and found him in a parous condition and conveyed him to Changteh which city he reached apparently more dead than alive.

A missionary, Dr. Tootell, attended to him, and by the end of July he had sufficiently recovered to return to Changsha.—Reuter.

LADY NOVELIST.

DEATH OF MRS. ARCHIBALD LITTLE.

London, August 6.

The death is announced of Mrs. Little, the novelist, wife of the late Archibald John Little.—Reuter.

Mrs. Archibald Little was born in Madeira, and married in 1886 the pioneer of the upper Yangtze, the late Mr. Archibald Little, who was the author of "The Far East" and "Through the Yangtze Gorges." Mrs. Little was the founder, and later the President of the Tien Tu Hui, or Anti-Foot-binding Society of China, and was Vice-President of the Women's Conference at Shanghai in 1900. She lectured before the Geographical Societies all over Britain. She published a number of books, mostly on China—including "The Land of the Blue Gown"—many novels, and magazine and newspaper articles; besides editing her husband's "Across Yunnan."

A SOVIET BILLET.

Moscow, August 6.

Kuibyshev, Vice-President of the Council of the People's Commissars, has been appointed President of the Supreme Council of the National Economy, being relieved of the post of head of the Peasant Workers' Inspection Commissariat.—Reuter.

INDUSTRIES FAIR.

EMPIRE MARKETING BOARD.

Rugby, August 6.

Ten thousand square feet of space in the London section of the British Industries Fair, to be held next February, has been taken by the Empire Marketing Board for the display of Empire food products.—British Wireless Service.

NIGHT CHASE.

LEADS TO DISCOVERY OF EXPLOSIVE.

FOR THE PIRATES?

A startling discovery of explosives, suspected of being used for infernal machines, was made in Canton on Tuesday night, states a report.

Out on patrol, a policeman challenged a pedestrian who, carrying a rattan basket, seemed to move suspiciously. A chase ensued and the fugitive was tripped up by another policeman in the fashionable residential section of the western suburb.

Giving a name, and his age as 30, the arrested man described himself as having come from Yungkong, a port in the south of the province, and as staying in a boarding house. He was unaware of the contents of the basket, he insisted, and was carrying it for another man to a tow-boat leaving for the interior.

A bag of explosive was found in the basket.

One surmise is that the substance may have found its way into the hands of pirates up-country who lay mines in the waterways and exact blackmail from travellers.

PRINCE GEORGE.

RECEPTIONS AT ICHANG WITH CHINESE.

THE PORT IN FESTIVITY.

Ichang, July 26.

Rear-Admiral Cameron, and H.R.H. Prince George returned to Ichang from their up-river trip four days ago, and remained in Ichang till this morning. Most of the foreign community had an opportunity at one or other of the functions held of meeting the Prince.

Mr. A. P. Blunt, British Consul, gave a reception to Chinese at midday, on Saturday and many of the civil and military officials, met the Prince and Admiral then. On the afternoon of the same day the officers of the Bee gave a tea at the Recreation Club when a tennis match was played between the officers of the British gunboats in port and the club members. This resulted in a win by the club. On Saturday evening Mr. Blunt gave a dinner to representative men of the foreign community, when they again met the two distinguished visitors. Everyone was charmed by the friendliness displayed by the Prince to all who met him.

There is considerable fear at present amongst the native community of Ichang that another looting may take place. The soldiers are in arrears in their wages for the first time for many months, and the reason is said to be that less money is being received here from the opium tax than formerly. Much of the Szechuan opium is said to be now sent by a northern route and does not come through Ichang. Troops are said to be leaving soon for the Hunan border.

Gen. Paung Kuang-yin, Commander of the 7th Allied Brigade (Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's 4th division), has arrived in Shanghai and is now inspecting the local troops. He will examine also, the Wusong Forts defences and later will hold a formal review.—"N.C. Daily News."

BOOTLEGGERS.

LOSE HEAVILY BY BIG HURRICANE.

Miami, July 30.

A serious situation confronts the bootleggers and whisky smugglers of the Florida coast owing to the destruction of many of the great liquor warehouses in the Bahama Islands during the recent West Indian hurricane. These buildings were constructed in the last two years for the purpose of storing alcoholic beverages brought from England for sale to smugglers.

The total loss to great bootlegging firms is known to be enormous and much of it was not insured. Dozens of small boats which used to run the liquor from Nassau and Bimini to the mainland have been wrecked and it will be many weeks before normal conditions can be restored.

The death list continues to mount. Coast Guard ships are making a careful search of the waters around the Bahamas and almost hourly reports are made of boats sunk or persons drowned.

The total number of dead in the Bahamas and Florida has now reached 66 which does not include those killed or drowned in other islands of the West Indies.—United Press.



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SPORTS SECTION

FIFTH TEST.

READER SELECTS XI FOR ENGLAND.

QUESTION OF TIME.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"].
Sir.—An argument arose last night over the prospects of the last test match this month (starting on the Oval on August 14.—Editor). My contention is that the playing of this game to a finish irrespective of time, will benefit the Australians. I think that this decision will be in their favour as they are so used to slow cricket. Not being confirmed put-batters, our team may not have the patience to wait—hence the disadvantage. I will highly appreciate what other readers may have to say on the subject.

Afterwards the discussion turned on to the composition of England's team. Even at this distance there must be a number of keen cricketers who may be willing to give their views on who ought to play and who ought not. Bearing in mind that the Fifth Test may last anything from four days to a week I suggest that we ought to bring in fresh blood, players of the "do-or-die" spirit, who will gain an outright victory in the three days or fail in the attempt. To play cricket as the game intends will throw the stolid Australians out of their stride. My team therefore is:—

J. B. Hobbs (Surrey), captain.
Mr. A. P. F. Chapman (Kent) or E. Tyldesley (Lancs.): who-ever is not preferred to act as twelfth man.
Mr. G. T. S. Stevens (Middlesex).

Mr. G. O. Allen (Middlesex).
H. Sutcliffe (Yorks.).
F. E. Woolley (Kent).
M. W. Tate (Sussex).
R. Kilner (Yorks.).
G. G. Macaulay (Yorks.).
F. Root (Worcester).

and the 11th place to be given to Strudwick, or preferably to some other wicket-keeper who is a better batsman; but this point is immaterial. We will presume that Strudwick is chosen again.

My team will have practically no tail. Excepting Strudwick, Root is the weakest batsman and he can make runs as he has often shown. If it rains then C. Parker (Gloucester) ought to come in instead of G. O. Allen but I cannot think that the weather will be anything but fine at the Oval, for the last and deciding Test.

The batting order will be:—

Hobbs,
Sutcliffe,
Woolley,
Stevens,
Chapman,
Allen,
Kilner,
Macaulay,
Tate,
Root,
Strudwick.

If Tyldesley is preferred to Chapman, he ought to be put in after Woolley and Stevens goes down one.

If Parker takes Allen's place, he should go in 10th, the others moving up. Any other wicket-keeper than Strudwick will be listed according to his batting ability.

For bowlers we have Tate, Root, Macaulay, Allen, Kilner and Stevens, and possibly Woolley; better than anything we have had in the first four games.

Yours, etc.,

ADVOCATE.

Hongkong, August 7.

AUSSIES RESISTED.

WARWICKSHIRE REFUSE TO GET OUT.

MATCH ABANDONED.

Thanks to two "Varsity Blues" who played with "tails up," Warwickshire refused to be dismissed by the Australians, saved the follow-on, and then rain came on.

Needing 17 runs to prevent the "150 runs behind," Warwick (on the third day) added 65 runs without loss. This was a last (10th) wicket partnership, but Reuter's cable does not say how many runs the partnership produced the day before.

Details of Play.

Birmingham, August 6.
Third day's play in match between Warwickshire and the Australians:—

[Overnight score:—Australia 417 runs for 8 wickets, declared, Pontford 144, Woodfull 51, Hendry

ST. LEGER.

LATEST QUOTATIONS BY CABLE.

CURRENT GOSSIP.

(By "Patrol.")

Even in the colonies, greater interest is being manifested in the St. Leger this year, it being the last of the classic races of the Home flat racing season—before the advent of the betting tax.

Turf experts everywhere predict that the prices quoted in future seasons will be appreciably affected by the imposition of the tax.

Further information has come to hand about this famous race, over 1½ miles and 132 yards, to be run at Doncaster on September 8, practically a month from to-day.

Whether Joe Childs will repeat his performance at Epsom, on the favourite, will remain to be seen. Master Joe is considered one of the "finest of long distance jockeys of the present day. If he jumps to the front and makes his own running—the Town Moor crowd will hope to see him win—and then Coronach will go down to history as a good 'un indeed.

Those With Chances.

The way Caissot has come on in the betting at Home indicates more than a possibility of the popular black and white colours of Lord Derby finishing first past the post with Weston in the saddle.

Jellis (who rides Apple Sammy) is also an artist over a distance and he has been known to land some long priced winners before.

That proved little stayer, Finglas, who has improved a stone since the Derby, has a "coachman" like Archibald to guide him and he is a force to be reckoned with.

Review Order and H.H. the Aga Khan's Cimeter also possess distinct claims.

Swift and Sure, Harpagon (winner of the Craven Stakes) and Captain Blood (Donoghue's mount) have all found supporters.

Then Lex "the unfortunate," owned by that game old South African scout Sir Abe Bailey and to be ridden by Beary, with any luck, should not be far out. His quotation shows that "good money" has been put down for him.

List of Probables.

The "China Mail" has been favoured with quotations from the Victoria Club, London, as cabled out to Mr. Frank Haytor.

The list together with probable jockeys is:—
9-4 Coronach (Childs).
4-1 Swift and Sure (Brennan).
5-1 Caissot (Weston).
9-1 Cimeter (—).
10-1 Lancergaye (Perryman).
100-8 Finglas (Archibald).
100-8 Review Order (H. Beasley).
100-6 Lex (Beary).
100-6 Captain Blood (Donoghue).
100-6 Rose Hearty (W. Beasley).
20-1 Apple Sammy (Jellis).
25-1 Pantera (Wragg).
25-1 Harpagon (Elliott).
25-1 Voltas Pride (Stokes).
33-1 Comedy King (L. Brown).
33-1 Booklet (R. Jones).
33-1 Tenacity (Sirrett).
50-1 Phalarite (F. Dempsey).
50-1 Simon the Beggar (—).
66-1 Friar Wile (Lane).
66-1 Lulworth (—).
100-1 Amilcar (Smirke).
100-1 Buckaway (V. Smythe).
100-1 Buckler (Walsh).
100-1 Gay Lothario (Thwaites).

WATER POLO.

In another friendly water polo match yesterday at the V.R.C., the V.R.C. defeated H.M.S. "Ambrose," Club by five goals to love, the scores being Stewart (1), Laine (1), and Brodie (3).

The Naval men again showed excellent combination, but lacked the speed of their opponents.

62 not out; E. P. Hewetson 8 for 83, Qualif 4 for 118. Warwick 298 runs for 9 wickets, Parsons 80, Smith 30.]

To-day rain delayed the start till 12.45 p.m.

Warwick raised their score to 363 runs for 9 wickets. C. A. Fiddian Green (the old Cambridge Blue) made 49 not out. E. P. Hewetson (the Oxford Blue) made 37 not out.

J. M. Gregory took 4 wickets for 80 runs and A. A. Malley 4 for 181.

Rain fell during the lunch interval and the match was abandoned as a draw.—Reuter.

COUNTY CRICKET.

SUTCLIFFE PLAYS INNINGS OF 200 RUNS.

TATE'S BOWLING.

Rain must have interfered with the county cricket programme at Home as several matches were left unfinished.

The weather benefitted the batsmen in some cases while bowlers came off with astonishing figures in others.

Some of the England team were again to the fore, to mention only Sutcliffe, Tate, Larwood. A good many names of "youngsters" figure prominently, while a few all-rounders also did well.

Kent have now the highest number of victories.

Northampton's second win of the season bring them away from bottom place in the table, where they have been so long. Derby continue their sequence of wins and Glamorgan gave further taste of their strength. Details follow:—

Two England Bowlers.

County cricket matches ended to-day resulted:—

At Hastings, Sussex lost to Notts by 77 runs. Scores: Notts (1st) 230 runs. Payton made 110. Tate took 5 wickets for 94 runs.

Sussex (1st) 206 runs. Bowley made 94 not out. Larwood took 6 for 60.

Notts (2nd) 280 runs. Flint made 81, Lilley 55. Tate took 4 for 84.

Sussex (2nd) 227 runs. A. E. R. Gilligan made 107. Larwood took 6 for 87.

Note: Both Tate and Larwood have bowled against Australia this year.

Batsmen On Top.

At Manchester, the match between Lancashire and Middlesex was left drawn, no decision being reached even on the first innings.

Lancs (1st) 484 runs for 8 wickets, declared. Macdonald (the Australian fast bowler of 1921) made 100 runs, not out. L. Green, contributed 61 not out, Tyldesley (E.) 85, Watson 97, Iddon 64.

Middlesex (1st) 316 runs for 5 wickets. Hearn made 91, H. J. Enthoven (the Cantab 1926 skipper) 100 not out.

Sutcliffe Makes 200.

At Leicester, the match between Leicestershire and Yorkshire was also left drawn.

Yorkshire (1st) 473 runs for 6 wickets, declared. Sutcliffe made 200. Leyland 116, Rhodes 51. Leicestershire (1st) 220 runs for 5 wickets. C. H. Taylor (the Oxford Blue) made 84 not out.

Dipper's Benefit.

A. G. Dipper is Gloucester's leading batsman. He played for England against Australia in 1921. In the match against Northamptonshire at Bristol, for his benefit, his side lost by 41 runs. Scores:—

Northants (1st) 264 runs.

Pld.	Won	Lst.	Ins.	1 ins.	Pts.	Obtd.	Rslt.	Perc.
Yorkshire	24	11	0	7	3	105	79	3
Lancashire	25	11	2	5	3	105	73	4
Kent	23	13	1	2	7	115	78	0
Middlesex	16	8	2	0	3	65	43	3
Glamorgan	19	9	5	0	0	70	45	5
Hants	21	10	3	3	4	100	63	1
Notts	23	9	6	3	2	110	55	1
Surrey	19	4	4	6	4	80	40	3
Essex	24	5	8	6	3	110	46	2
Sussex	22	5	9	5	3	110	43	0
Derbyshire	19	4	6	3	4	85	33	2
Leicestershire	23	5	9	1	4	95	32	4
Somerset	21	3	8	4	4	95	31	2
Warwickshire	23	2	9	5	3	95	28	4
Northants	19	2	10	3	4	95	23	0
Gloucester	24	3	14	3	3	115	27	1
Worcester	21	3	11	1	3	90	21	3

THE LONSDALE JAZZ.

MERRY HORSE SHOW SCENE.

COSTERWOMAN'S KISS.

Lord Lonsdale jazzed at the International Horse Show at Olympia with the prettiest coster woman appearing in the coster donkey turn-out contest, and the audience was amused when his partner held him impulsively by the shoulder and kissed him.

It was while he was inspecting the 45 donkeys that a coster couple first began to dance. Other dancers joined in, but they grew tired and the whistling began to lag. It was then that Lord Lonsdale revived them by dancing in best jazz style.

Like a Young Man.

His top hat sideways on his head, his face flushed and beaming, his cigar and walking-stick held at arms' length, he crossed and recrossed his steps backwards and forwards on the thick tan like a young man. He set a score of pairs of feet going, and then the pretty coster-woman beckoned him towards her. She put her hand on his shoulder, talked confidentially, and then suddenly kissed him.

For a second Lord Lonsdale was embarrassed, but the crowded building rocked with applause, and

CHANNEL SWIM.

FIRST WOMAN EVER TO GET ACROSS.

AMERICAN'S SUCCESS.

London, August 6.

Miss Gertrude Ederle (of America) has succeeded in swimming across the English Channel from Cape Grisnez to King's Down in 14½ hours.—Reuter.

Miss Ederle is only 19 years of age and the first woman to swim the Channel.

She started from Cape Grisnez at about seven in the morning and reached King's Down, off Deal, in darkness, at 9.30 in the evening.

She was thus in the water much longer than last year's attempt. The sea was calm at the start but later there was a stiff breeze and the sea roughened. She encountered trouble nearing the English shore but landed in perfect condition accompanied by a tug equipped with wireless, which constantly served the American newspapers.—Reuter.

Woolley (C. N., brother of F.E.) made 90. Dennett took 5 for 77. Gloucester (1st) 190 runs. E. H. Lyon made 53. Clark took 5 for 49.

Northants (2nd) 123 runs.

Parker took 5 for 43.

Gloucester (2nd) 161 runs.

Woolley took 5 for 11.

Derby Beat Worcester.

At Kidderminster, Worcester-

shire lost to Derbyshire by 83 runs. Scores:—

Derby (1st) 360 runs. J. L. Cromwell-Brown made 68.

Worthington 58. Wilson took 45 for 97.

Worcester (1st) 326 runs. Fox made 141 not out. M. K. Foster 85.

Derby (2nd) 238 runs. Wilson took 5 for 75.

Worcester (2nd) 139 runs.

M. K. Foster made 61. Morton took 5 for 71.

Somerset v. Glamorgan.

At Weston-super-Mare, Somerset draw with Glamorgan.

Scores:—

Somerset (1st) 413 runs.

J. C. W. MacBryan made 109.

J. C. White 50, J. Daniel 84, G. F. Earle 57 not out.

Glamorgan (1st) 364 runs for 5 wickets. Bell made 101, Davies (D.) 106 not out, Walters 69.

Kent Beat Essex.

At Canterbury, Kent easily defeated Essex by an innings and 23 runs. Scores:—

Essex (1st) 267 runs. C. T. Ashton (the former captain of Cambridge) made 53. Nicholls 57, F. W. Gilligan 63 not out, Freeman (A. P.) took 6 for 92.

Kent (1st) 413 runs. Harding made 176, W. S. Cornwallis 91, Collins 54 not out.

Essex (2nd) 123 runs. Wright took 4 for 24, Freeman 6 for 89.—Reuter.

The championship table now stands at:—

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SHARE MARKET.

VERY LITTLE BUSINESS DONE.

PRICES STEADY.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor in their Weekly Share Report dated Friday, August 6, state:—

We have again had a quiet market with only a small business being done and very little change in prices.

Shanghai Market also continues quiet.

The following are the principal alterations since last week:—

Banks:—Sales took place at \$1.132½ and close steady with sellers at \$1.130 and buyers at \$1.125.

Unions:—Have sellers at \$290.

Canton Insurances:—Are unchanged.

Hongkong Fires:—Are still in demand at \$520.

Hotels:—Based off a little at the beginning, but after sales at \$10¼ to \$10.90 still have buyers at the former price.

Electricity:—Have further declined to a selling rate of \$66.

Trams:—Firmed up somewhat and came to business at \$25, with buyers now offering \$24.60, but more would have to be paid to obtain shares.

China Sugars:—Are nominal at quotations.

China Lights:—Met with some enquiry and were done at \$19¼ for the combined shares.

China Providents:—On sellers deciding to accept slightly lower rates buyers came forward and a fair amount of business was put through at \$5.15 and \$5.20.

Steamboats:—Are still wanted at \$26¼ without attracting sellers.

Hongkong Lands:—After the payment of dividend of \$2 yesterday, have quieted down and are quoted nominal at \$63½ ex dividend.

Humphreys:—Still have buyers at \$13¼.

Cements:—Continue neglected.

Wharves:—Are quiet with a nominal quotation of \$122½.

Hongkong Docks:—Are in some demand and close with buyers at \$54, after a good number of shares had changed hands at \$54¼.

Star Ferries:—Are weaker with sellers at \$67 without attracting buyers.

Dairy Farms:—Are still wanted at \$16¼.

London Quotations of the 5th instant:—Banks \$129; Indos deferred 25; Shells 24 ½; 3d. All middle prices.

Exchange:—Demand rate on London is 2s. 2-2-16d.; and T/T on Shanghai 1s. 11s. 7½d.

Next Settlement Day is Tuesday, August 24, 1926.

SUN'S PHASES.

Calendar for August.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hongkong for August, 1926. (Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich).

Date.	Sunrise	Sunset
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20	5.59	6.52
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22	5.59	6.50
23	5.59	6.49
24	5.59	6.48

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People and Events in the News of the World



Samuel Laria (30), of New York, permitted a bandit to hold him up, ed him, he hit his assailant, seized ed him, he hit his assailant, seized his gun, and killed him.



This tank, tipped over on its side during a charge in a sham battle at Penn Military College, Chester, Pennsylvania. No one was injured.



Mr. James C. Brady, of New Jersey, who entertained Catholic cardinals on their way to the Eucharistic Congress, was made a Knight of the Order of St. George by the Pope for his contributions to the church.



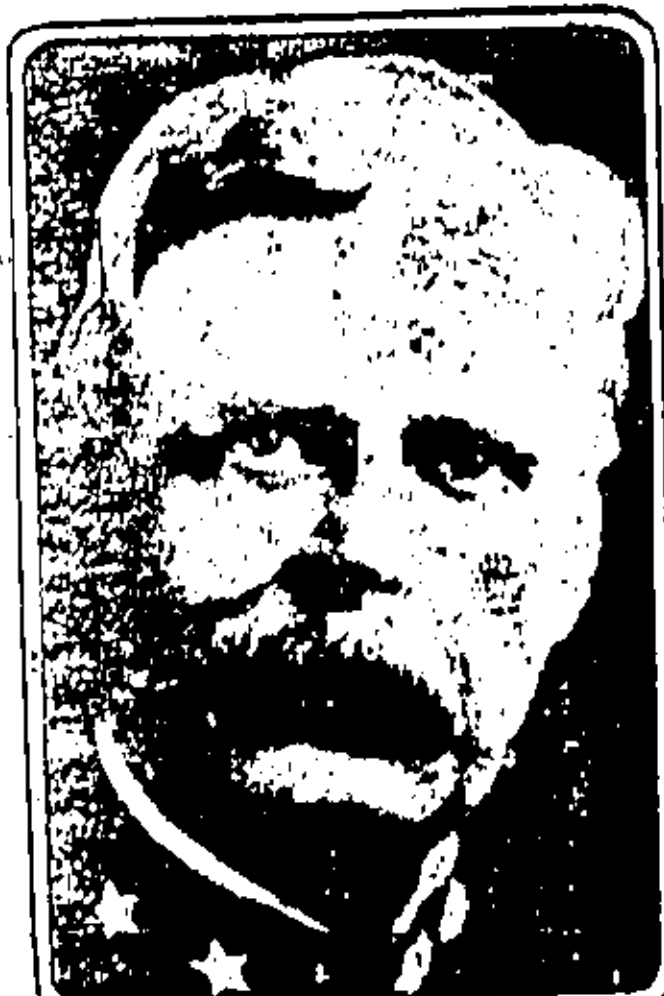
Mrs. Josephine C. Dula (right), kept her son away from his wife, Mrs. Elsie Himmus Dula (left), according to evidence given at the trial of the young woman's \$250,000 suit against her mother-in-law in New York.



William S. Vare smiled as he left the meeting of the Committee investigating the huge amounts of money spent in the Pennsylvania primaries. He won the Republican Senatorial nomination.



The romantic elopement of Laura Biddle, a Society girl, from Bryn Mawr was recalled by reports from Paris that the bridegroom, William Rhineland Stewart, jun., intended to sue for a divorce.



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Admiral C. F. Hughes has been appointed commander of the American fleet. Chancellor Wilhelm Marx, of Germany, sided with President von Hindenburg, of Germany, in opposing the confiscation of the property of the ex-Rulers. M. Briand, the late Premier of France. Commander Richard E. Byrd, the first American to fly over the North Pole.



Ziang Chun Wan, a Chinese student, was freed by the Washington Court's after seven years in prison on a charge of murder that could not be proven. He was tried three times for the murder of three members of a Chinese educational mission in 1919.



THOMAS D. SCHALL



ARCHBISHOP CARONNA



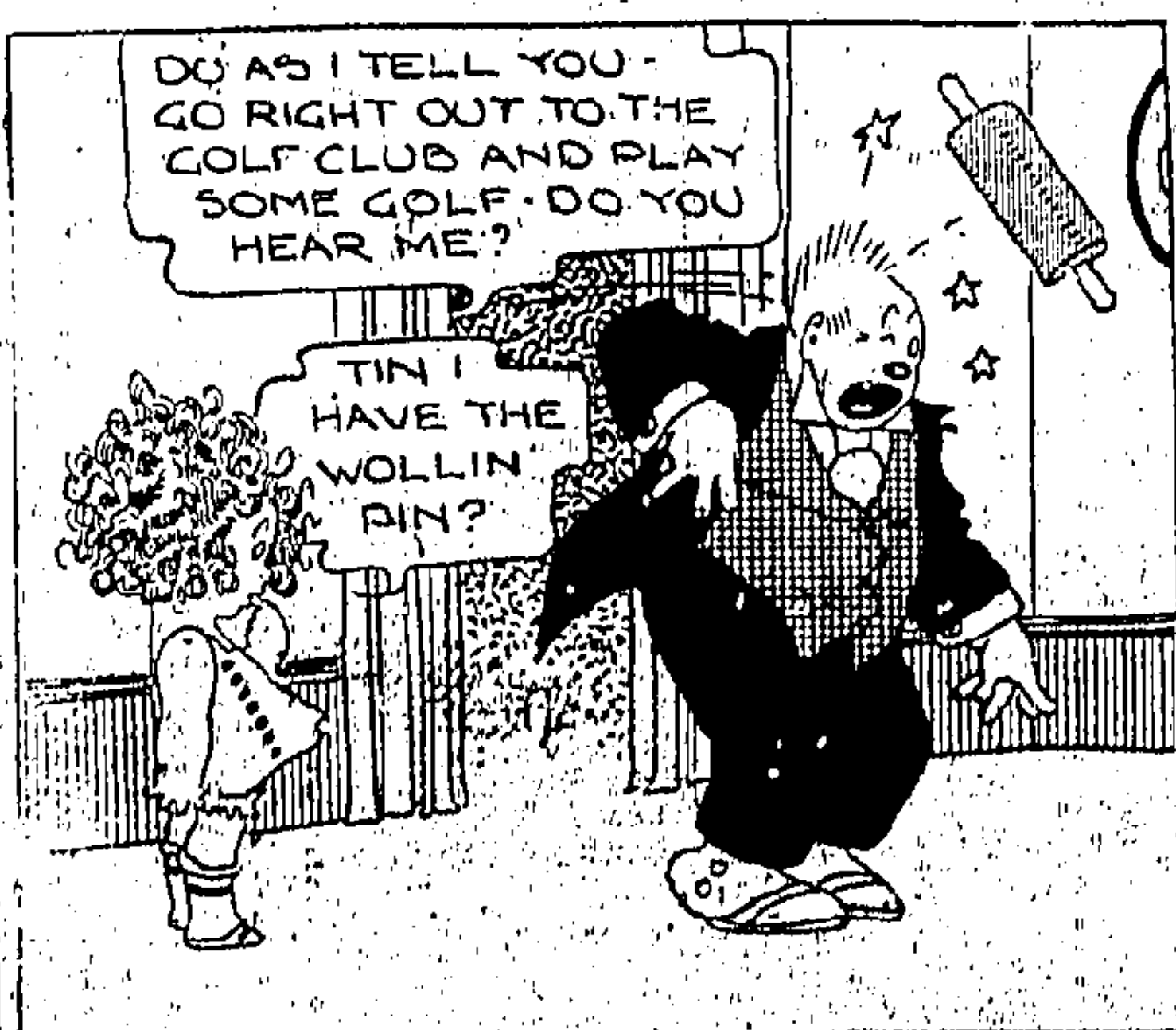
FRANK O'REILLY



WAYNE B. WHEELER

Thomas D. Schall, blind Senator from Minnesota, threw the Senate in a furore by the violence of a speech attacking his political enemies. Archbishop Caronna, who was expelled from Mexico, went to Chicago for the Eucharistic Congress. Father Frank O'Reilly sued George M. Cohan, producer, alleging that one of his hits was plagiarised from a play by the priest. Wayne B. Wheeler, a supporter of the "Drys."

BRINGING UP FATHER.



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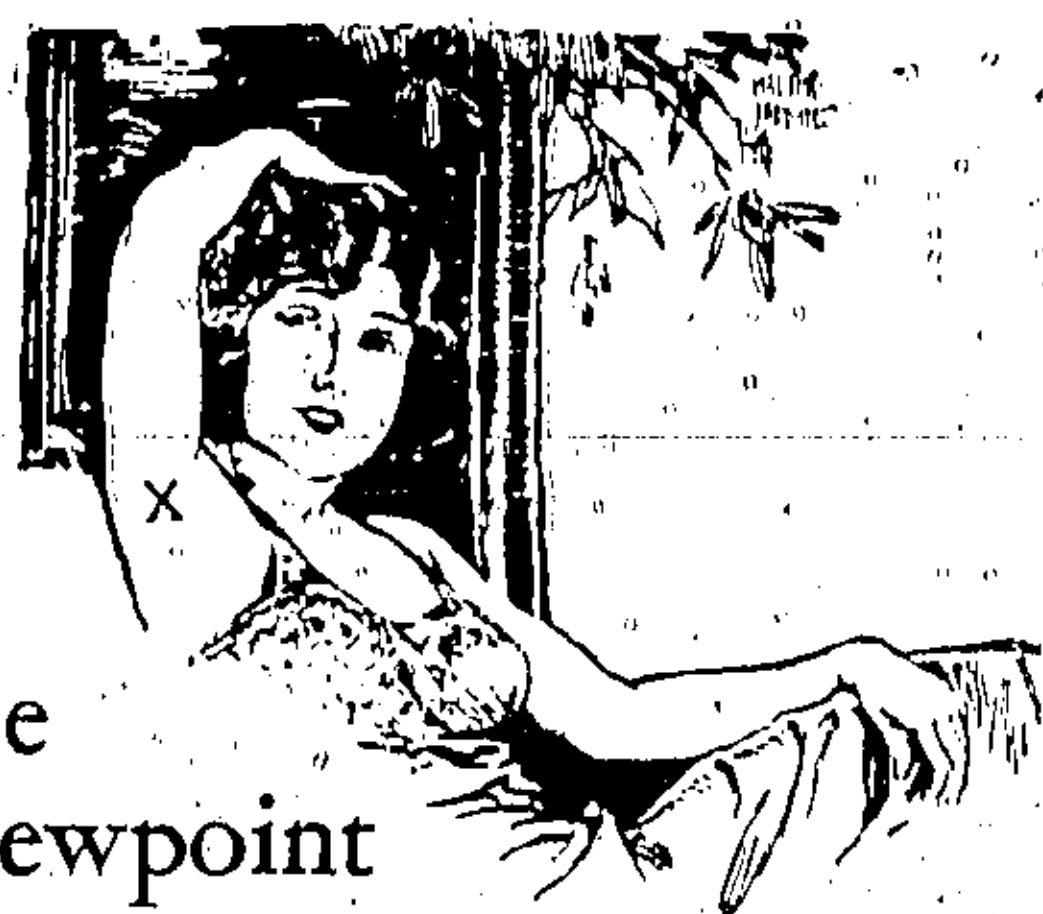
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RELIGION IN MEXICO.

CATHOLICS WITHOUT BENEFIT OF CLERGY.

CROWDS WEEP AND PRAY.

Mexico City, July 31.
Ten million or more Catholics of Mexico to-day were without the benefit of the clergy. The putting into effect of the new religious regulations was marked by isolated shooting affairs, the stoning of officials and the turning of the fire hose on the crowds which congregated about the churches.

Ten persons were wounded in shooting affairs in the capital and the National League for the Defence of Religious Liberty began its economic boycott. Troops were posted at strategic points. At the last services extraordinary scenes of religious fervour were witnessed. At one church in the countryside a priest performed twenty-seven marriages simultaneously.—"Associated Press."

All Churches Closing.
Mexico City, July 31.
All the churches are closing, whether presided over by foreign or native priests, and the priests have retired from the church premises. Reports of increasing disorder are received from various parts of Mexico as midnight approaches, the hour when the new anti-church regulations take effect. In many places the congregations refused to leave when the church officials retired, and crowds are weeping and praying before the sacred figures.

Both the religious schools and the churches will be deserted and the churches will become government property, as the church officials have decided to withdraw entirely from all activities. According to the law, native priests can still officiate, but these also have left the parishes under their charge to be taken over by the government.

Due to greatly increased police force and the presence of armed troops, there was not so much rioting and bloodshed as happened yesterday evening, when ten persons were wounded as the government troops fired into the crowd.

The Mexican government's decision to place labour bodies in charge of the abandoned churches has aroused the faithful to widespread resentment, and it is feared that revolt may result in the interior of Mexico, where the Indian population are reported to be forming angry processions which have marched through the streets defying the government troops who are stationed around the churches in each town.—"United Press."

As A Last Resort.

Rome, July 31.
Officials of the Vatican believe that the Mexican bishops will suspend all services on Sunday, thus establishing a virtual interdiction as a protest against the Mexican government's action. However, it was declared that a ban from Rome was not being considered for the immediate present. Such an action would be used only as a last resort, after all other means of pacification and of compromise with the Mexican authorities had failed.

The Holy See will endeavour to find means to maintain spiritual ministrations for the Mexican people, it was declared.

Vatican Denies Charges.
A high Vatican official to-day termed as ridiculous the charges of President Calles that the Catholic clergy has tried to undermine the Mexican constitution, saying that Catholic priests in all countries had always been amenable to the laws of those countries, and that the sole opposition offered even to the drastic and uncalculated church regulations in Mexico had been peaceful and firm protests.

Tito Craspi Arrested.

Washington, July 31.
Tito Craspi, secretary to the papal delegation in Mexico City, is an American citizen, and Secretary of State Kellogg has ordered an investigation to be made into the reasons for Craspi's deportation from Mexico. Ambassador Sheffield at Mexico City will conduct the investigation.

The preliminary report from the embassy stated that Craspi had been arrested and ordered to leave the country immediately.

The Washington government's decision, as matters stand at present, is to keep hands off the Mexican situation as far as possible. Many religious organisations throughout the United States are writing and telegraphing the president and the state department urging various measures in retaliation against Mexico, including severance of relations with the Republic.

GARDEN GIFT.

MEMORIAL TO LORD MILNER.

NEW R.H.S. SCOPE.

The Royal Horticultural Society, which continually increases in scope and popularity, is considering the acceptance of a gift, new in kind, but very much in accord with the spirit of the society, says a correspondent in mail week. Lady Milner has offered Sturry Court, as a permanent memorial to her husband, who laid out the gardens and established them. Lord Milner was both a good botanist and a good gardener; and for a score of years spent much energy on surrounding this Elizabethan, or pre-Elizabethan, house in Kent with a garden to match it. His yew hedges, now almost walls themselves, fit most admirably with the old and rather eccentric walls and garden houses. The River Stour beside it, the old mill, the quaint marsh outside the garden proper, the shelter of a very beautiful tithe-barn (big enough for an extensive flower show), and the climate of Kent compose a gardener's paradise; and it is found in practice that some classes of flower do grow there to particular perfection. No great man could wish a more worthy memorial, and no group of horticulturists desire a more suitable home. Apart from the attractiveness of the place—of house, cottage, wells, barns, mill, and garden—there is scope for much horticultural experiment that is scarcely possible at Wisley. The offer is rare and generous, and though some few conditions accompany it, none is of a nature to restrict the botanical or other uses that both the house and garden at Sturry might subserve.

Council's Decision.

The council of the R.H.S. has not yet come to a decision. They are pledged to a very large expenditure on a new building in London, and their commitments are considerable. But it is safe to hazard the prognosis that the society, wide as its popularity is, has not yet come into its full kingdom. Gardeners multiply in every class of society, and as their craft becomes ennobled in public opinion, general appreciation of its higher branches extends. It is not improbable that within a few years such a house and garden as Sturry (if there are others like them) would prove an investment rather than an avenue of expenditure. It does not need a high imagination to picture Sturry as the gardeners' Chelsea, where the practical craftsman, who had passed the time of full service to their profession, could enjoy a quiet retirement and at the same time, each to the measure of his relic energy, find scope and occasion for his skill.

However that may be, the essential fact is that an historic sixteenth-century house, of small size, set in the midst of a large and lovely garden, itself enclosed by river, mill, marsh, red brick walls, and an old tithe barn, is offered as a gift, singularly well suited to the aim and objects of this great national society. The possession would give as much satisfaction to gardeners, all and sundry, as to the wide circle of Lord Milner's friends and admirers. The responsibility of refusing such an offer is much greater than the risk of accepting the opportunity.

The house lies in the Garden of England, between the new industrial area and Canterbury; and the nature of the site increases its value both for the public and the society.

"No government can long endure unless its people are convinced that it is a righteous government."—President Coolidge.

dent and the state department urging various measures in retaliation against Mexico, including severance of relations with the Republic.

Exports of Arms Forbidden.

Summer Whitehouse, N.Y. July 31.

The Whitehouse spokesman made it plain to-day that the President would continue the order prohibiting export of arms to Mexico until he is satisfied that there is no danger of an uprising due to the anti-church regulations going into effect to-night. The statement was made in reply to suggestions recently made looking toward removal of the arms embargo.—"United Press."

New York, July 31.

The current issue of Living Church, a publication of the Episcopal Church, carries a plea to Protestants to pray with Catholics for the "rescue of the church in Mexico."—"Associated Press."

CHINESE CRIMINALS.

FORCED TO TALK BY TORTURE METHODS.

SPANISH INQUISITION OUTCLASSED.

Shanghai, July 22.
The crook in China, once caught hasn't a "ghost of a chance." If he will not speak, the authorities have ways and means, so subtle and effective that he opens his mouth and tells all he knows at once. According to foreign police officers in the foreign settlement of Shanghai, the methods of the Spanish Inquisition are the kindergarten of cruelty as compared with Chinese remedies for dumbness. The rack and the thumb screw, or even burning the feet lack the insidiousness of China.

Once caught the Chinese thief or armed robber or murderer, even if he is never been in the toils of the law, knows that he will tell. Sometimes the hardened criminal boasts he will remain silent, but his boast is quickly cut short. He is asked the question once. Sometimes twice. If he refuses to speak, trouble is in the store for him. He is taken to a room, something similar to a Chinese court room. Here a subordinate magistrate watches the application of third degree. For smaller cases tortures are first brought in to play. Pricking with pins is an easy way for "first timers." Older hands at the game are strung up by the thumbs. This usually proves effective.

Those who have been convicted before for minor offences and will not speak are dealt with more severely. Heavy paper, made from bamboo fibre, is rolled into a cigarette-shaped cylinder and inserted in the victim's nose. The outer end is set afire. With hands and feet bound, and mouth tied shut, he has no chance to avoid breathing fumes. This usually brings him to a talkative mood.—"United Press."

VERTICAL WRITING.

CHINESE PAPERS EASY TO READ.

LESS EYE STRAIN.

Chinese, eldest of languages, is commonly thought of as the most difficult. But this is an error, if the difficulty of a language is measured by the speed with which it may be read. Prof. Walter R. Miles of the department of experimental psychology of Leland Stanford University, California, and Eugene Shan, graduate, in a series of comprehensive tests have learned that Chinese may be read more rapidly than English, and that type set vertically is more efficient and causes less eye strain than type set as is this.

In arriving at these conclusions Dr. Miles made use of eleven Chinese students, all of whom were in China and were brought up on "vertical newspapers;" that is, on Chinese print reading up and down. He photographed their eyes, measuring their movements and noting how long each rested on a single group of words and calculating from that their speed in reading the two classes of selections.

What a Change Means.

The selections read were in both English and Chinese, taken from a magazine article. The Chinese was set both horizontally and vertically for various experiments. It was found that at each reading pause the eye perceived a greater number of words of vertical type than of horizontal, while a greater number of vertical words were read each second than were horizontal words.

The vertical reading matter, which Dr. Miles found to be more efficient, if applied to newspaper and magazine columns in the United States would bring about this change: You would commence reading at the upper right hand corner of the column or page and read down, progressing by columns from right to left. Each succeeding letter of a word would be set beneath its predecessor rather than alongside. Punctuation marks to indicate pauses, sentences and paragraphs would be used as at present.

It has been a popular idea of long standing that horizontal reading matter may be perceived and understood with less strain to the eye, and, in fact, many Chinese papers have changed over to this style of type-setting during the last few years. But Dr. Miles' analysis of his investigations indicate this to be an erroneous impression.

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